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## After Parents' Deportation, U.S. Children Face Mental Struggles

New America Media, News Report - Anthony Advincula, Contributing Writer



NEW YORK — Myrna Orozco will never forget the phone call she got from her cousin in October 2011.

Immigration officials had arrested her father and taken him to a detention center in Kansas City, where the family was living at the time.

"I was in shock," she said. "I immediately thought about my mother and my younger sib-

lings, and what was going to happen to all of us."

What made it even more frightening for Orozco was her own immigration status. She was the only undocumented child among four siblings. Now 23, Orozco says she has never felt as scared and helpless as when she heard the bad news.

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## Snyder urges homeowners, businesses, motorists to prepare for severe weather

State departments ready to offer assistance, information



LANSING, Mich. — Gov. Rick Snyder today urged residents across Michigan to prepare for the possibility of a variety of severe weather conditions. He also instructed state agencies to proactively make weather-

related information and safety tips available as they continue monitoring the situation.

The Lower Peninsula faces possible flooding as rain, coupled with rising temperatures,

during the next 24 hours may result in a rapid thaw of the state's record-breaking snowfall. In the Upper Peninsula, residents are bracing for a new

Severe Weather page 14A

## Hopgood Warns Against Anticipated House Introduction of EAA Legislation



Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D – Taylor)

LANSING — Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D – Taylor) today issued the following statement in response to the

anticipated introduction of substitute legislation in the Michigan House of Representatives, House Bill 4369, to expand the failed Education Achievement Authority (EAA). Just last month, reports of interviews with EAA teachers were released, documenting extensive accounts of physical abuse of students, along with inadequacies in programming.

"Though I have been vehemently opposed to the expansion of the Education Achievement Authority from the very moment the legisla-

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## 2nd Annual Pothole Pocketbook Contest Begins Today

Drivers can win up to \$500 for pothole-related vehicle repairs



OKEMOS — Michigan motorists can get a little revenge on potholes that have caused damage to their vehicles and their wallets by entering a Pothole Pocketbook Contest at justfixtheroads.com/contestto win

up to \$500 toward vehicle repair costs.

"Michigan's extreme winter weather is breaking up our roads and bridges, and so is a continued decline in adequate funding," said Lance

Binoniemi, vice president of government affairs for the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA), which is sponsoring the contest. "This contest will help to make things easier for a few lucky motorists – but the only real way to reduce the high cost of bad roads for everyone is for the Legislature to invest in our roads and bridges now to save lives and money."

Michigan motorists in key urban areas pay between \$305-\$536 annually in unnecessary vehicle repairs due to poor roads, according to a January 2014 report by TRIP, a national transportation

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**CALL TO ACTION**

**Cell phones – connected or disconnected**

By Gina Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



ask to speak to the person you wanted. Now we all have our own phone number and just like many of you so do all of our children. Now I would not be telling the truth if I said I know all of my nieces and nephews phone number. I don't. But I know my siblings numbers.

How do we stay connected in times when there are so many numbers? How do we get in contact with people when we lose our phone? How do we get in contact with our teenager when they lose their phone? Do you have the phone number of your children's closest friends? I took a survey as I was thinking of this topic and asked numerous parents of teenagers if they had the phone number of their children's closest friends. Over 90% of the parents didn't have any numbers however 100% of them were paying the phone bill. Really?! I think something is wrong with that picture.

Has cell phones changed our memory skills; or are we just in number overload. If you are over fifty years old, I'm sure there are some people's phone number that you still remember. Is that because we had those rotary phones that you have to put your finger in the holes with the number on it and spin it and then wait for the dial to return to rest before doing it again for the next number. Do you remember that? I think that process helped us remember the numbers for the people that we wanted to connect with.

Now with everyone having a phone and a number, there are more numbers to remember. Growing up, if you wanted to reach the Wilsons; my parents, my brother or me and my sisters you would call one number 313-554-3005 and

Anyway, as we struggle to stay connected in this information age, we might have to result to the old school method of writing some numbers down with the old pen and paper.

**NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL**

**Presidential Proclamation**

**National African American History Month, 2014 By Barack Obama/President of the United States A proclamation:**



**President Barack Obama**

Americans have long celebrated our nation as a beacon of liberty and opportunity — home to patriots who threw off an empire, refuge to multitudes who fled oppression and despair. Yet we must also remember that while many came to our shores to pursue their own measure of freedom, hundreds of thousands arrived in chains. Through centuries of struggle, and through the toil of generations, African Americans have claimed rights long denied. During National African American History Month, we

honor the men and women at the heart of this journey — from engineers of the Underground Railroad to educators who answered a free people's call for a free mind, from patriots who proved that valor knows no color to demonstrators who gathered on the battlefields of justice and marched our Nation toward a brighter day.

As we pay tribute to the heroes, sung and unsung, of African-American history, we recall the inner strength that sustained millions in bondage. We remember the courage that led activists to defy lynch mobs and register their neighbors to vote. And we carry forward the unyielding hope that guided a movement as it bent the arc of the moral universe toward justice. Even while we seek to dull the scars of slavery and legalized discrimination, we hold fast to the values gained through centuries of trial and suffering.

Every American can draw

strength from the story of hard-won progress, which not only defines the African-American experience, but also lies at the heart of our Nation as a whole. This story affirms that freedom is a gift from God, but it must be secured by His people here on earth. It inspires a new generation of leaders, and it teaches us all that when we come together in common purpose, we can right the wrongs of history and make our world anew.

Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim

February 2014 as National African American History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

**Hopgood**

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tion was introduced over a year ago, I stand more certain now than ever that the Authority is inept at educating or even safeguarding its own students, let alone capable of expanding statewide," said Senator Hopgood. "Since opening their doors a year ago the EAA's enrollment declined by nearly 25%, over 1700 students left after the first year; when Inkster and Buena Vista Schools saw similar declines in enrollment, the Governor moved to dissolve them. In fact, the Governor's own dissolution legislation substantiates a 10% decline in enrollment as grounds for dissolution, so according to the Governor's own metric, the EAA should be dissolved, not expanded across the state.

"Even worse, reported interviews with EAA teachers have clearly demonstrated physical abuse of children in the schools, on top of innumerable inadequacies in programming and record keeping



– the EAA is not only a detriment to its students' educational opportunities, it poses a very real risk to their health and wellbeing," Hopgood con-

tinued. "While we certainly need to find a solution for our state's lowest performing schools, the EAA absolutely is not it."

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday, August 31, 2014**  
 (Labor Day weekend)  
**Telegram Newspaper 70th Anniversary Black Tie Affair**

  
**Legislative Forum**  
**Monday, February 24, 2014**  
  
**Congressman John D. Dingell**  
 Congressman Dingell was officially sworn in for his 30<sup>th</sup> 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.  
**MEET THE SPEAKER!**  
 Businesses that sponsor a Legislative Forum are invited to a pre-forum reception where they meet and have their photo taken with the guest speaker. Sponsors sit at the head table during the forum with the guest speaker and their names are announced in the opening remarks, as well as in the program and on a marquee sign at the event. To sponsor a Legislative Forum, call Mary Jarosz, Legislative Forum Coordinator, at 734-284-6000.  
 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  
**Monday, February 24, 2014**  
 11 a.m. - Registration & Speaker's Forum\*  
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch  
 12 to 1 p.m. - Program  
 \*\*\*  
 Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort Street, Southgate  
 \$15 p/p or \$150/table  
 To Register call 734-284-6000.



## To Be Equal

# Black History Month: Needed Now More Than Ever

By Marc H. Morial - NNPA Columnist



"There is no more powerful force than a people steeped in their history. And there is no higher cause than honoring our struggle and ancestors by remembering."

— Lonnie Bunch, founding director, National Museum of African American History and Culture

Ever since the 2009 election of Barack Obama as America's first Black president and the 100th anniversary of the National Urban League in 2010, the perennial debate about the need for Black History Month has intensified. Some have questioned the need for a special month to recognize the many unknown and unsung achievements of African Americans. With Obama as president, the logic goes, we have now achieved Dr. King's dream of a non-racial America where everyone is judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin. I wish it were so.

Last year, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and the passage of the Voting Rights Act. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the repeal of the poll tax. But unfortunately, the suppression of voting rights and other instances of racial discrimination remain. All one needs to do is look at the glaring disparities between Blacks and Whites in income, employment, incarceration rates, educational achievement and health status to see that race still matters in America. Income inequality and equal opportunity are still part of the unfinished business of American democracy.

In 1926, after centuries of Blacks being excluded, not only from the mainstream of American life, but also from the textbooks in our schools, African American historian Carter G. Woodson did a service to all Americans when he created Negro History Week, which was expanded to Black History

Month in 1976. Woodson's vision was one of unity and inclusion. He said, "What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race, hate and religious prejudice." That is a goal that America is still struggling to achieve.

In fact, legislatures in a number of states, including New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, have passed laws mandating or encouraging teachers to broaden their history courses to include more ethnic, racial and gender diversity. That is why we still recognize March as Women's History Month, May as Jewish American History Month, September 15 to October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month and February as Black History Month. These celebrations serve a dual purpose: first to build self-esteem among historically oppressed people, and second to remind all Americans that in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds, our diversity is our greatest strength.

Black history is American history. While the story and achievements of African Americans are especially celebrated this month, the contributions we have made and the struggles we still face deserve recognition every day of the year. Next year, for the first time, Black History will enter the mainstream when the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture opens on the National Mall in Washington. The Museum describes itself as "a place of meaning, of memory, of reflection, of laughter, and of hope. It should be a beacon that reminds us of what we were; what challenges we still face; and point us towards what we can become."

As we honor those who have made history, we must also recognize that we are history in the making. Through our work, commitment to equality and civic engagement, we can and we must, in the words of President Obama, continue to "right the wrongs of history and make our world anew."

Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

## Put the money to work instead

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



I very rarely agree with the Free Press. I find it's like agreeing with Russia's Pravda newspaper or worse, the New York Times.

But it did come up with a good idea.

We have a \$1 billion budget surplus. I know some Republican wants to give it back in the form of tax cuts.

There were many things listed, but my favorite was to fix the roads. I you ever drove on Beech Daly between Eureka and Pennsylvania in Taylor you know what I mean.

People are spending hundreds on alignments. Buying tires two, three, four times caused by blowouts because of potholes.

The money will go along way to fixing roads.

Who knows what the Republicans in the state congress will do?

Another idea is to give out a minimal tax cut and split the rest between the roads and schools.

I still say that the money should go into a lock box that the politicians can't touch and put the money to work for us.

Fixing the roads is good for public health.

We need to do more with the roads than to just patch them.

Special thanks to the Detroit Free Press.

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Juan - the name the family asked to be used out of fear of further legal trouble - had been deported previously to his native Mexico, but he reentered the United States without permission. When he was arrested again in 2011, he was charged with the federal crime of illegal reentry. Juan has been serving a five-year imprisonment and will most likely be deported after completing his sentence.

Her father's detention had a ripple effect throughout the family. Anna, the youngest daughter, was 15 at the time. She began to behave badly, alternately acting withdrawn or clamoring for attention. Anna dropped out of school, Orozco says, and ran into legal trouble on different occasions, getting caught driving a car without a license, stealing her teacher's cell phone, and trying to break into someone's house.

Last year, police caught Anna with marijuana, and a judge ordered her to be placed in a juvenile facility. Since then, the family has had limited contact with her.

"It's been very hard for all of us," Orozco said. "My mother is going above and beyond to get through these things."

Parental separation and mental health

Researchers who have examined the mental health problems connected to forced family separations find a daunting web of factors at play, including economic conditions, family relationships, trauma, and childhood upbringing.

"The consequences of separating parents from children can include causing or exacerbating mental health problems such as depressive or

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## Deportation

anxiety disorders, but it's worth remembering that there can be lots of effects which undermine healthy development and that they do so in an inter-related way," said Dr. Schuyler Henderson, a pediatric and adolescent psychiatrist at NYU Langone Medical Center.

Henderson, who has studied the effects of parental deportation, said that mental health problems present themselves in many ways among children who are left behind.

"Kids respond differently depending upon factors including -- but not limited to - their age, their resilience, how their other family members react and support them, and whether or not they can maintain contact with the deported parent," he said.

U.S.-born children affected in large numbers

About 369,000 individuals were deported nationwide between October 2012 and September 2013. The federal government does not track how many of those deportees left children behind, but according to a Department of Homeland Security report to Congress, in the six month period between January and June of 2011, more than 46,000 people with U.S.-born children were deported from the United States, or about 7,600 every month.

In December of 2012, the Applied Research Center, which focuses on immigration policies, asked the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency for records of all immigrants removed from the U.S. and leaving behind a U.S.-born child. Those records show that more than 200,000 deportees reported leaving behind U.S.-born children between July 2010 and December 2012, a rate of about 6,600 monthly.

"We don't know how many kids whose parents are deported will suffer from a serious mental or emotional disorder as a consequence," NYU's Henderson said. "But we do know that all the children suffer, and that deportation makes their lives, their education and development harder."

As the Living in the Shadows series unfolds, we welcome your ideas. You are part of the story too and we invite you to share your perspective and experiences by writing to [toimmigranthealth@reportingonhealth.org](mailto:toimmigranthealth@reportingonhealth.org), calling us at (213) 640-7534 or by joining the conversations on these topics on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/immigranthealth> or Twitter at @immigranthealth.

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# All That You Touch

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



"All that you touch, you change. All that you change, changes you." ~Octavia Butler

I think King Midas had the right idea, but he had the wrong motive. Although King Midas was selfish and greedy, I understand what he was trying to do. Essentially, he wanted to add value to everything he touched.

He wanted everything he touched to turn to gold. That would add value, but Midas only wanted it to add to his own riches. He was selfish and greedy. Unlike King Midas, when we add value to things, but we ought to want to be a blessing.

There is nothing wrong with wanting to add value and make things around you better. The purpose for it should be to make life better for all involved. Bringing a smile, comfort, peace, joy or encouragement is a priceless gift.

There is undeniable power in our touch. When we touch things, we don't have to see it turn to gold literally with our eyes, but we ought to touch in such away that the affect is golden. We should always be cognizant of our power to invoke change and improve life conditions. This should affect the way we live and carry ourselves.

We have to be considerate. We change what we touch. We impact our sphere of influence. . They watch our example. We have an audience who assesses us regularly. When we realize the power in our touch, we will be careful with it. Use it for good, for miracles. God left us with power by His Holy Spirit!

Jesus did it. "Everyone was trying to touch him, for when they did, healing power went

out from him and they were cured (Luke 6:19). As we set forth to continue His work, we affect and change all that we touch too. Make it positive, selfless, kingdom building change.

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**II Timothy 2:25**  
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*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light into my path." - Psalms 119:105*

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Wednesday Prayer 6:00pm Bible Study - 6:30pm

*Let's worship together down here so  
 we can live together up there*



**\*DEATH NOTICES\***



**ERVIEEN DAVIS**  
Mar 9 1942 – Jan 30, 2014

Ervien was very industrious and had many trades. He worked on cars, home improvements, landscaping, just to name a few.

He leave to cherish his memory: his wife Annie Davis; children: Earline Davis, George Ervin (Pam) Davis, James Davis, Ervon Coleman, Tamara (Deandre) Ely, Brian (Shonda) Davis; Elaine Bouyer (proceeded him in death), Teresa Knott, Deborah (Ricardo) Ward, Charlene Simpson, Cathy Knott: twenty-eight grand children, nine great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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



**LILLIAN ROBERTSON**  
May 20, 1930 – Feb 2, 2014

Her passion for Jesus led her to become actively involved in the church.

Momma Lil leaves to cherish her memorie : her son, Reginal (Carolyn) Corley; John illie Brown, five grandchildren; Ten great grandchildren; three god-children; a step- sister Mary Ruth Davis and a host of other relatives, saints, and friends.

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**VASIELAGHA GOLANI**  
May 26, 1917 – Feb 12, 2014

He loved to write stories and poems and would spend hours composing and perfecting them and then later publishing them to distribute freely to others in the Assyrian (Aramaic) language.

Vassil is survived by his wife Nanajan, His children Atouria (Ivan), Atour (Janey), Victor, Shamiran, Juliette, A brother Yousip (Shushan) and 9 grandchildren Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelofchimes.com)



**GLADYS SCOTT – HAMMER**

Aug 31, 1950 – Feb 14, 2014

Gladys was born on August 31, 1950 to the late Christine Scott and the late Willie Gibson in Boligee, Alabama. Gladys was called to her heavenly home on Friday, February 14, 2014 at home with her family at her side in Redford Michigan.

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



**ROBERT LEE GUESS JR.**

Jun 29, 1966 – Jan 25, 2014

After graduating from high school Robert entered the hospitality industry. He was a very organized person and an avid sports fan and loved watching Detroit Lions Football.

Robert was a devoted Big Brother and uncle. He will truly be missed.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



**ANITA DELORES GUESS**

Oct 17, 1970 – Jan 25, 2014

She attended Mckinsky Allen Junior High School and graduated from Robichaud High School Class of 1990. She began working for Courtyard by Marriott as a Housekeeper. She continued to be employed there and advanced her skills for over 23 yrs. of faithful service.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



**LAUNDAURY "LONNIE" HAMPTON**  
Mar 28, 1955 – Jan 28, 2014

After returning home from the service he soon after moved to Michigan and

found employment at General Motors Co. until he retired.

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life his daughter Nakia Hampton, five sisters LueAnn Hampton, Betty Hampton, Doris Tate, Sarah hampton & Toni Colley, two brothers Jean & Jerome Hampton, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



**GEORTHY "GERT" WILEY**

Sept 3, 1942 – Jan 29, 2014

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband of over 50yrs. Alvin Wiley, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



**GREGORY PIPKIN**

Apr 9, 1957 – Jan 29, 2014

Graduate of Inkster High School Class of 1976. After graduation he worked for General Motors Co. and UAW Member until his retirement.

He leaves to mourn his loss and celebrate his life his Companion Iris McPhail two brothers Michael Pipkni and Dwayne Pipkin, three nieces, cousins, family and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

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# Second Chance Opportunities

Cedric Dukes - Contributing Writer



Having a financial goal is in the top 3 of all goals behind personal development and weight loss. Everyone wants to make more money, spend less, and invest more. As we come into a new year, the God, who owns everything, wants to give you a second chance in every area of your life. God desires and wants to help you to bear fruit. Bearing fruit is nothing more than getting results and it happens when we follow His principles. God's principles are not burdensome but usher us in the manifestation of His grace (second chance opportunity). What will make you successful in finances is the adherence of four key principles: stewardship, budgeting, giving, and investing.

### Become a steward of your resources

The earth is the Lord's and

the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein (Psalm24:1). Everything on this earth is His. We are stewards managing God's resources to accomplish an objective. A good steward must remain faithful to God's resources by living prudently not spending on a whim at the shoe store or buying the latest electronic gadgets or playing golf every Saturday. A steward must also be a risk taker. Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another--or maybe both. (Ecclesiastes 11:6). A steward ensures that he or she gets a good return on their investment. We have no idea what God is going to do this year. Regardless of the economic climate we have to become a steward of our finances and do what we know that will bear fruit.

### Budget your life story

One survey suggests that 32% of households operate on a budget. Most financial hardships come when there's a lack of budget. A budget is a written plan and if operated correctly, it will guide, direct

and resolve all financial concerns. Know well the condition of your flocks, and pay attention to your herds; for riches are not forever, nor does a crown endure to all generations (Proverbs 27:23-24). The budget will guide you in times of abundance and lack. A good steward will understand how to govern and operate his finances in any economic times.

The budget should have three components: income, expenses, and net income (balance). Income is the most important aspect because it controls the amount of spending. Next, write down all of your expenses and separate into three categories (Need, Want, and Desire). Finally subtract expenses from income to get net income. Net income is similar to a balance sheet for a company but it really tells the state of your finances. A good steward foregoes their short term "want" and "desire" for a better long term position.

### Accelerate your giving

God was ready to give Cain a second chance if he did what

**Second Chance page 14A**

## ★ TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER'S SENIOR STAR ★

*Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD." Leviticus 19:32 (NIV)*

### ANN M. TURNER

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Number of Children 3 – Grandchildren 3; Great Grandchildren 11 ; Great-Great-Grandchildren 1

Ann was born to Roberta Watson and Jesse Render in Greenville, Georgia. She was raised her grandparents Aaron and Anna Watson while her other worked as a live-in domestic worker for a family in Greenville. Ann recalls that growing up on a farm with her grandparents and three uncles was full of hard work. She and her uncles had many daily chores and lots of work to do. She credits her grandmother for teaching her how to cook, clean, wash, iron and to be a strong woman.

Ann attended Gates Chapel School that she describes as a "one room school house" and later attended school in LaGrange, Georgia, after her mother married her step-father, Winston Tigner, and she went to live with them. In 1943, the three of them moved to Willow Run, Michigan, where Ann attended Ypsilanti High School.

In 1946, Ann was married and had three children ; Herman, Anthony and Gloria. She and her children lived in Willow run and Ypsilanti for the next 20 years until relocating to Romulus in 1967 where she still resides today. Ann married Clifford Turner in 1967 and they will celebrate their 48th anniversary this year.

During the years while raising her children, Ann worked as a Nurse's Aide at several nursing homes in the Ypsilanti and Canton areas. She retired several years ago and has stayed busy by taking care of her home, cooking everyday for her husband, as well as preparing a large family dinner every Sunday and on holidays when her family and friends join them.

Ann has always loved beautiful flowers and looks forward every spring to planting and nurturing

the flowering annuals and perennials in her yard that include petunias, begonias, geraniums and roses. Ann has been a member of Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church for many years and her favorite saying is, "God gave me life and I've learned to trust in the Lord." Over the years, Ann lost her two sons, Herman and Anthony, her mother, father and step-father, as well as three brothers and a sister. Her daughter, Gloria, grandchildren and great-grandchildren live close by and she especially enjoys spending time with them. Ann is the family matriarch and heads up five generations.

During her life, Ann says that she has seen tremendous changes occur in the United States and is especially proud to have voted for and twice witnessed the election of President Obama, as the nation's first African-American president. She says that the people who have inspired her most during her life are her grandmother, mother and an uncle;; because each of them taught her so much about life, to never give up and to always have hope that tomorrow will be a better day.

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# Student uses disability to opens eyes of community

By Gina C. Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



The world appears different for people who have a disability and Khodr Farhat, a student at Henry Ford Community College strides each day to make the world a better place.

Khodr is 20 years old and a 4.0 student at Henry Ford Community College. He was born blind and he and his family migrated to the United States from Lebanon in 2009

to have a better life. His sister, Yasmine Farhat, is also blind, but neither one of them uses that as a deterrent for them striving to be successful. Khodr is a very outgoing young man. Once he came to the United States, he enrolled into the Lincoln Park School District where he excelled. While there he was active in many organizations and quickly overcame his language barriers which he felt

could have been one obstacle that could have slowed down his education. He enrolled in Henry Ford Community College and has taken advantage of their Assisted Learning Services Program. Maureen Webster, the counselor in charge of the Assisted Learning Services said, " Khodr loves to talk and he always demonstrate his outgoing ability."

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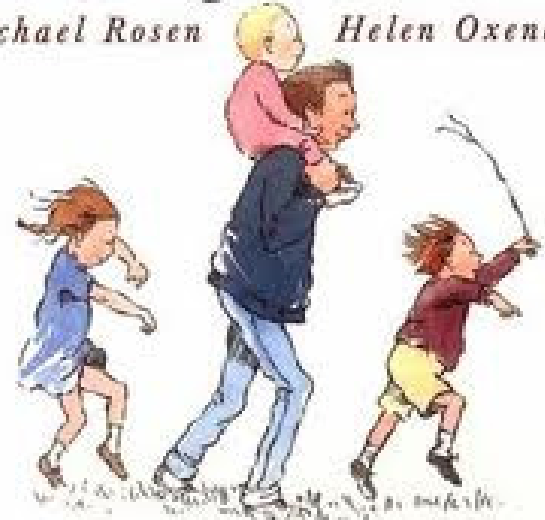
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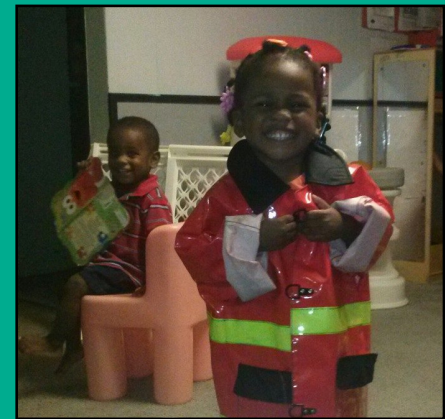


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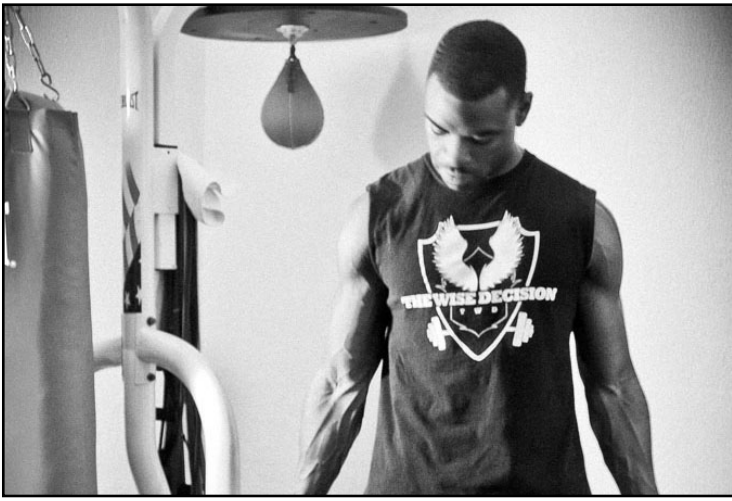
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# The Wise Decision: 4 Must-Haves in Every Meal

By Sterling Wise - Special to the NNPA from the New Pittsburgh Courier



This may be the most important message of the year regarding your eating plan for 2014.

If you use these 4 strategies with every meal, I guarantee you'll have an amazing physical transformation this year...

## 1) Pay attention to the cooking method

The way a meal is cooked determines how many calories, how much added fat, and the number of nutrients that survive. This simple factor will make or break your weight loss goal.

## Avoid foods prepared like this:

Fried and battered  
Processed and packaged  
Doused with cream sauce  
Sauteed

## Choose foods that are prepared like this:

Grilled  
Baked  
Broiled  
Steamed

## 2) Your meal should be mostly protein

The bulk of your calories should be coming from a quality source of protein. With the first guideline in mind, these will be high quality, healthfully prepared.

## Good choices of protein include:

Fish  
Chicken  
Turkey  
Egg  
Lean red meat  
Beans

## 3) Include lots of fiber

Fiber is a huge part of eating healthy and being lean. Fibrous foods will fill you up while delivering vitamins and nutrient in low-calorie packages. Fill at least two thirds of your plate with fibrous vegetables.

## Try these forms of fiber:

Salad  
Seasonal vegetables  
Fruit  
Legumes

## 4) Lay off the starches

Here's where many well-meaning dieters lose it. The facts are simple, in order to maintain the low-carb, high protein diet required for healthy weight loss, there is no room for starchy foods.

## Starches to Avoid:

Potatoes  
Pasta  
Rice and cereal  
Bread and crackers

For faster results, pair your clean eating with a challenging exercise routine.

If you're serious about transforming your body then call or email today to set up a consultation with me. Together we will create the perfect program that will quickly get you into the body that you deserve.

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## The 80-20 Rule

In order to achieve the amazing fitness result of a lean and toned body you'll have to work-out hard and eat right...at least 80% of the time.

Don't fall into the trap of feeling like you have to eat perfectly and exercise hard every single day. Then if (when) you fail to meet that unreasonable expectation, you fall off the fitness wagon.

You can't win by having a '100% or nothing' attitude towards fitness. You're human, you're going to have a bad day, a sick day or just an off day. Allow yourself 20% of grace and be sure to workout hard

and eat like a champion the other 80% of the time.

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# History of Black Women Wearing Hats at Church

By Winona Rasheed, eHow Contributor - Contributing Writer



History of Black Women Wearing Hats at Church thumbnail History of Black Women Wearing Hats at Church For many African-American women, looking your best from head to toe is important when going to church, and the hat is one of the most crucial features. The act of covering your head during worship has its roots in scripture. Since, it has become a tradition for many women who want to show respect to God while adding some pizzaz to their

presence.

Other People Are Reading Etiquette Rules for Women Wearing Hats Etiquette in African American Churches

### The Eight Commandments of Hat Wearing Dressed in Sunday's Best

- I. Thou shalt not wear a hat wider than the shoulders.
- II. Thou shalt not wear a hat a shade darker than the

shoes.

III. Thou shalt only wear hats with the colors of white, cream and pastels for Easter.

IV. Thou shalt not wear a hat with crumpled, wrinkled or droopy feathers or flowers. (That would just be plain tacky.)

V. Always look tasteful and tidy when wearing "the hat."

VI. Remember your bone structure. If a hat doesn't fit the face, don't buy it.

VII. Thou shalt not allow a hat to compete with accessories and jewelry.

VIII. Always let the hat be the focal point of the outfit.

Dressing for Church Service It is imperative for many African-American women to look their grandest when going before God. Today, it is most often the older women who dress elaborately on Sunday mornings.

For many of these women and their ancestors, dressing up for church was one of the few opportunities they had to remove domestic aprons and house dresses. These drab garments were replaced by bright colors, fancy shoes and elaborate hats that would stand out in a crowd. Style and sophistication would rule the day.



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The Big Read encourages all residents to enjoy Jack London's classic American novel, *The Call of the Wild*. Free copies will be available on March 8, along with related activities and a showing of Charlie Chaplin's silent comedy movie, *The Gold Rush*.

Another date to save is 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 26. That's when George Guidall, renowned actor and audiobook narrator, will give a presentation on "The Art and Artifice of Audiobook Narration," and he will do a dramatic reading from *The Call of the Wild*. This event will be in the auditorium at Henry Ford Centennial Library.

Across Dearborn, more than 30 activities are planned throughout the 10 weeks from March to May, courtesy of the library, The Henry Ford and other community partners. Visit [bigreaddearborn.org](http://bigreaddearborn.org) to learn more, and register for email updates.

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

**Residents advised to clear snow from storm drains**

Residents are advised to clear snow and ice away from the opening for storm drains or catch basins in the streets near their homes in anticipation of rain and warmer temperatures predicted for Thursday, Feb. 20.

Clearing the area around the drain openings will mean rainwater and piles of melting snow will be better able to flow into the drains, reducing street flooding concerns.

Although DPW crews have plowed streets, it is not always possible to ensure that accumulated snow is removed from every storm drain opening. Residents' cooperation is appreciated.

**WYANDOTTE****WBA Third Friday Winter Fire and Ice**

February 21st, 2014 at 6:00 PM until end

This is a family friendly event.

(Recurrs on the third Friday of every 1 months)

Event Location:  
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February 21st, 2014 at 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM

Event Location:  
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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS****Information on City's 50th anniversary is available**

The City of Dearborn Heights is enjoying a year-long celebration in recognition of its 50th anniversary, which officially kicked off in April 2013.

A new Facebook page has been created that will provide up-to-date information on anniversary-related news & events, as well as giving residents (and former residents) the opportunity to post their own memories and/or down-

loadable photos relating to the city's history. To access this page, simply log onto Facebook ([facebook.com](http://facebook.com)) and type "Dearborn Heights Golden Anniversary" in the key word search box, or use the following link:

Your city officials are interested in hearing from you! If you have old photographs you'd like to share, stories you'd like to tell us, or suggestions for additional anniversary festivities, contact the Anniversary Committee at [anniversary@ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us](mailto:anniversary@ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us), or call the Mayor's office at (313) 791-3490.

**WESTLAND****GLOW SKATE**

Friday, February 21, 2014, 08:00pm - 09:20pm

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**ROMULUS****Annual Cat & Dog Inoculations**

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*Soul Affirmation: I make sure people understand that I am on their side this week.*

**Lucky Numbers: 2, 12, 14**

**TAURUS**

Trust your special knowledge of yourself and the universe and use that knowledge as a guide this week. Not everyone will trust in you know to be true. Do not let their lack of faith shake your belief in yourself. Knowledge of external processes is not nearly so important as knowledge of yourself this week.

*Soul Affirmation: Doing good this week is the key to feeling good.*

**Lucky Numbers: 9, 19, 20**

**GEMINI**

It's not always what you know, or even who you know that paves the road to success. Sometimes it's just being in the right place at the right time that counts. Be prepared to answer when opportunity knocks this week. Accept your good fortune graciously, and share it with others.

*Soul Affirmation: I go within myself to find a place of calm where I can rest.*

**Lucky Numbers: 17, 24, 51**

**CANCER**

In our society looks sometimes matter more than they should, but that is not to say looks don't matter at all. Presentation is important, keep that in mind as you walk through life. This week take a few extra moments to make sure that your physical self is as attractive as it can be. You will see a bigger than usual change not only in the way others feel about you but in the way you feel about yourself.

*Soul Affirmation: When things get strange I find peace in the ordinary.*

**Lucky Numbers: 1, 3, 45**

**LEO**

A family treat is in store for you if you play your cards right. Family members are ready to praise you for your accomplishments if you approach them with modesty. Give yourself time for romantic encounters. The romantic vibe is high.

*Soul Affirmation: I keep my true purpose ever before my eyes.*

**Lucky Numbers: 23, 46, 51**

**VIRGO**

Ask the friend who comes calling to tell you about the money-making idea that is on his or her mind. The two of you would be good together. Have a private chat with a family member. Make keeping secrets your specialty. Events bring stress but you're cool.

*Soul Affirmation: I find joy in the simple pleasures of the week.*

**Lucky Numbers: 21, 39, 55**

**LIBRA**

Responsibilities at home keep you from traveling. It's all for the best. Outside ambitions can wait. Keep your spirit light! Look for love in the right places. Possibilities for love increase at home. The tendency to overreact at school or work is strong. Guard against it.

*Soul Affirmation: My creative ideas are my greatest treasures.*

**Lucky Numbers: 32, 40, 54**

**SCORPIO**

Flexibility and cooperation are the words for this week. Driving a hard bargain will create an impossible barrier. It's a great week for fun! Give in to it. Flow. Give in to the party mood but don't forget school or work. Remembering to forgive and forget is especially important this week.

*Soul Affirmation: Moving slowly might be the fastest way for me to get there.*

**Lucky Numbers: 5, 46, 49**

**SAGITTARIUS**

There is a lot on your plate. Be methodical about taking care of it. Get kids involved in something fun and educational. It's a good time for it. Save time for romance. Visit a favorite restaurant. Appetites must be fed in a healthy way.

*Soul Affirmation: I seek the lighthearted flavor of love.*

**Lucky Numbers: 14, 52, 53**

**CAPRICORN**

Make some plans regarding long-range financial security. Your present frame of mind is good for that. Someone you flirted with wants to be your companion. Give the universe a chance to bring love into your life by being a welcoming soul.

*Soul Affirmation: I give and the universe gives back to me.*

**Lucky Numbers: 23, 41, 49**

**AQUARIUS**

A practical solution is at hand to one of your inventions. Give yourself some space to allow the answer to come to you. Any repetitive task, such as weeding the garden or washing the dishes or car, will be conducive to your receiving the solution.

*Soul Affirmation: Things are working together for my good.*

**Lucky Numbers: 16, 32, 35**

**PISCES**

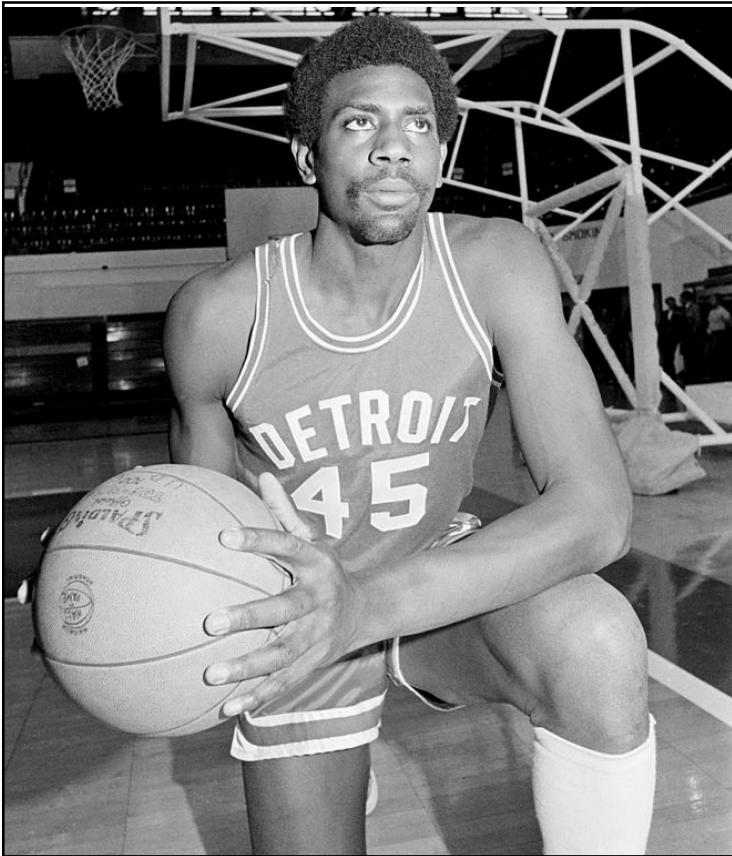
You may feel an internal pressure towards responsibility this week. Go with the flow and this week will be like a gift. Judging others will bring harsh judgments on you. Let your words assist others in becoming more self-responsible. You are a good teacher of right actions.

*Soul Affirmation: I slow down and find the success that has been following me.*

**Lucky Numbers: 19, 23, 46**



## Butch Remembering Black History "Spencer Haywood"



**Spencer Haywood**

Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Kobe Bryant, and LeBron James have this great basketball player to thank. Despite a productive NBA and ABA career, Spencer Haywood will always be remembered as the man who opened the door for underclassmen college basketball players to leave college early to play in the pros, thereby creating the "Spencer Haywood rule."

Haywood attended the University of Detroit on a basketball scholarship and helped the United States

Olympic team to a gold medal at the 1968 Summer Games. In 1968, after two seasons in college, Haywood decided to try to enter the NBA draft, citing family financial hardship. The NBA, however, at the time prohibited players from entering the draft until four years after their high school graduation. Haywood then was signed by the maverick ABA's Denver Rockets, where he played for one season, leading the ABA in scoring as a rookie. Since he now had a professional season under his belt, Haywood decided to

challenge the NBA rule once again and signed with the Seattle Supersonics in 1969. Commissioner Walter Kennedy, however, prohibited Haywood from playing any games with the Sonics. Haywood and his agent took the NBA and Kennedy to court and won a decisive, but bittersweet, victory, as Haywood was roundly booed throughout NBA arenas in his first years with the Sonics.

One PA announcer went so far as to say, "Ladies and gentlemen, we have an illegal player on the court," prior to one of his games. Try as he may, Haywood could never shake the controversy of those early years. After several seasons with the Sonics and New York Knicks, Haywood signed with the Los Angeles Lakers in 1981. Haywood seemed to be thriving as a veteran role player during the Lakers championship run until it was discovered he was a drug addict. Lakers' coach Pat Riley suspended Haywood from the postseason and he was cut by the Lakers after their championship. Haywood retired in 1983 after finishing his career with the Washington Bullets. Indeed, Spencer Haywood will always be remembered as the man who opened the door for underclassmen college basketball players to leave college early to play in the professional market."

## Pistons Must Get Off the Pot, Or Else...

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

As of this past Tuesday morning Pistons have 30 games left this season, the next two could prove to be among the most important. Fresh off their All-Star vacation, the Pistons play back-to-back games starting today against the Bobcats, who are a half-game ahead of them for the No. 8 seed in the Eastern Conference.

If the Pistons want to be in the playoffs number one they must play a full game of defense, for example, despite leading for the entirety of the first three quarters, the Pistons fell to the Cavaliers, 93-89, at The Palace, ending a three-game winning streak and five-game winning streak at home. Yes, the Pistons led for the first 46 minutes before Kyrie Irving made two free throws to take an 82-81 lead with 2:06 left. That can not happen is if the Pistons want to make the playoffs.

Charlotte is the No. 8 seed in the Eastern Conference, and the Pistons are a half-game

behind. While there will be plenty more games to jump into the playoff picture, this is a prime opportunity against a Bobcats team that will be competing until the end of the season. The teams also played this past Wednesday in Charlotte.

The Pistons team defense while much improved lately, are still prone to lapses in stretches like last week's ugly fourth quarter loss to the Cleveland Cavaliers. Detroit can manufacture points and rebounds enough to contend, but can they defend? That will be a giant issue in the second half, especially if the team is intent on keeping an eye on the playoffs. If they're able to keep the pride up on the defensive end, their entire game will improve and Detroit might become a dangerous foe.

Center Andre Drummond dominating the futures game with 30 points and 25 rebounds, Drummond will look to continue to make a

strong push in the second half. With all due respect to Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, Drummond is only 20, and still the most exciting young player to watch considering he averages nearly a double double every game and makes an array of exciting plays. Regardless of who's coaching or if the team makes the playoffs, Drummond is the future.

Now the Pistons likely aren't expecting huge things from interim coach John Loyer, meaning the next one on the hot seat is Joe Dumars, who hasn't been himself lately in the media or otherwise with regards to interviews and information.

The writing might be on the wall, as the Pistons have managed to make changes at every other organizational level except for general manager. The moves Dumars do or don't make will tell the tale about what happens to him.

## EMU Football Plunges Into Icy Waters for Ford Lake Frozen Leap

**EMU football players and staff members braved the cold to raise \$1,000 for charity**



YPSILANTI – Eastern Michigan University Head Football Coach Chris Creighton has yet to coach a game for the Eagles, but he continues to endear himself to the Ypsilanti community. Over the weekend, Creighton, along with four staff members and seven student-athletes took part in the Sixth Annual Ford Lake Frozen Leap to help raise money for local charities.

Wind-chill temperatures in the teens it still did not discourage the more than 50 participants from jumping into Ford Lake. In total, the event brought in more than \$15,000 which will be split between Growing Hope, Ele's Place and Dollars For Scholars.

A combined total of \$77,000 has been raised by Pakmode Media + Marketing during the course of the six years the event has been held.

The EMU football group, nicknamed the Soaking Eagles, featured Campbell Allison (Ogdensburg, N.Y.-Ogdensburg Free Academy), Mike Brown (Sandusky, Ohio-Sandusky), Gabriel Guilbee-Rodriguez (Paw Paw, Mich.-Paw Paw), Lincoln Hansen (Omaha, Neb.-Millard North), Alex Jones (Maple Heights, Ohio-Maple Heights), Pat

O'Connor (Chicago, Ill.-Saint Rita) and Andrew Wylie (Midland, Mich.-Midland).

Representing the staff were Creighton, Assistant Coach Todd Frakes, Director of Sports Performance Ron McKeefery, Assistant Athletics Director/Sports Medicine Steve Nordwal and Assistant Coach Jimmy Williams.

"I'm a huge supporter of EMU Football so having the team come out and participate means a lot to me," said co-founder of the event Bilal Saeed. "I've gotten to watch Lincoln grow as a player and leader for this team so I was thrilled to see him take the leap for the second year while raising a significant amount of money in just under a week. Also, seeing Coach Creighton take the leap proved to me that he's the type of guy to lead by example. He not only thinks it is great for his team to get involved with the community, but he himself genuinely cares about making a long, lasting positive impact in our community."

It was a busy weekend for the Eagles, as members of the team also visited with veterans at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System as part of National Salute to Veterans Week.

## High School Basketball Results

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Evan Kraatz scored 21 points and nine assists, and brother Garrett Kraatz chipped in with 15 points for Inter-City as their team beat Plymouth Christian 65-47. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist record overall is now 11-4. In other play last Friday Ecorse overwhelm Detroit University Prep Science & Math by the final score of 83-33.

Andia Marsh scored 18 points, Brendan Williams 12 and Anton Hogan 10 for Taylor Kennedy they beat up

on Allen Park 70-39.

Here are the rest of the last weekend scores, Dearborn Edsel Ford 70, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 67; Dearborn Heights Crestwood 58, Dearborn Fordson 56. For the Girls scores, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 46, Plymouth Christian 38; Dearborn Edsel Ford 39, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 30 and Ecorse 51, Detroit University Prep Math & Science 36.



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**POLICE BLOTTER**

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**February 6th, 2014**

At 1003hrs, officers responded to a 011 call of a city worker being attacked in the area in the 400 Block of Lenior. Upon arrival officers observed a 24 year old worker for AAA, standing outside of a truck in the middle of the street, in front of a home. He states he was called to the location to assist motorist. He states incident began when a 56 year old driver of a Backhoe was trying to get through. The make jumped out of the Backhoe and approached the truck ordering him to move out of the way. They began to argue when the older male punched through the window with a closed fist. The worker states he was struck on the left side of his cheek. The older make was gone when officers arrived on scene but officers caught up with him at Eaton and Lenior. He was driving to a main water break in the area. The older make told officers he was driving the backhoe down Kleinow and had to stop and wait because the worker had the road blocked. He states he waited for several minutes before he exited the Backhoe and asked the worker to move so he could get through. He states the worker said "F—k you." He stated when the worker tried to exit his vehicle he pushed the door shut so he couldn't get out. Officer asked him if he struck the worker he said "no."

**February 8, 2014**

At 0912hrs, officers were dispatched to the 500 Block of Campbell on a rescue run. Upon arrival officers heard yelling coming from inside the home. The officer went up and knocked on the door and the yelling stopped. A female answered the door and allowed the officer inside. The female told officers her 17 year old son has not been taking his medication and he was destroying the home. Table, chairs, and lamps were turned over on the living room floor. The young make became irate because of officers presence in the home.

The young make had to be handcuffed and placed in the patrol vehicle. He was transported to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for Commitment and Psychiatric Evaluation.

**February 11, 2014**

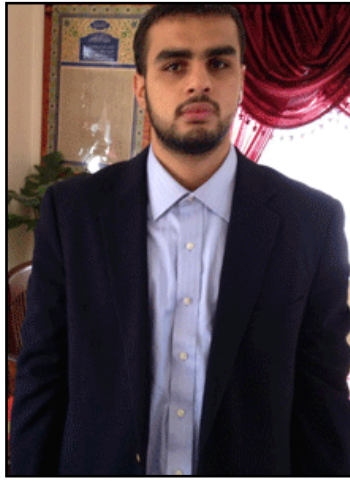
At 1505hrs, officers were inside the police station, and learned that a Felonious Assault had just taken place, in front of the station. Officers ran to the front door and observed a dark blue Suburban driving away from the scene. Officers pursued the vehicle and discovered a 27 year old identified female. She told officers she was just struck by the male driving the blue vehicle. The female stated the incident began when she was stopped at a traffic light in front of the police station and looked to her right and saw a male appeared passed out in the driver's seat of a vehicle. She states she got out of her vehicle and went over to make sure he was okay and knocked on the passenger window. The male suddenly awakened and sped off at a high speed and struck the female's right leg. She states she observed a large bag of Marijuana and a large bag of pills on his front seat. No wonder he woke up and sped off.

**February 12, 2014**

At 2348hrs, Officers went to home in the 400 block of Genessee on a Malicious Destruction of Property complaint. A 22 year old female states her 23 year old ex-boyfriend came to her apartment to get some clothing and work items. He gathered his belongings and walked out the front door. She closed the door and locked it behind him. Moments later she heard him yelling and screaming of him wanting to come back inside. She refused to open the door and he began kicking it, then she heard glass break. When she opened the door she discovered the bottom glass to the storm door was shattered and he was seen leaving in a black and red Pontiac Grand Am. The female told officers that he no longer lives with her and lives somewhere in Lincoln Park.

**Disability**

from page 7A



**Khodr Farhat**

He volunteers in the community at the Detroit Medical Center and is always looking for ways to give back.

Khodr was instrumental in working with the Building Bridges Lecture Series to present a Panel Discussion for the school and community. The discussion, "What it's like to be an assisted Learning Student on the Henry Ford Community College Campus" was an eye opening experience. The panel consisted of Cassandra Debrowsky, Alyssa McLean, Cody, Yasmine Farhat and Khodr Farhat. They students shared what it is like being a student with a disability and took questions from the audience.

The audience was complete with HFCC students, parents and community members. The students were very open about their disabilities and how they have overcome the circumstances that they have been dealt. They also expressed that the services provided by the Assisted Living Department at HFCC has helped to make their life a little easier.

Khodr, hopes that this type of openness about how people with a disability can still be successful was beneficial to everyone in attendance. He has plans of graduating from HFCC in the Fall of 2014 and will continue on to get his Bachelor's Degree.

One recent honor that he had was that he had an opportunity to meet Richard Bernstein who was also born blind and is an attorney in the City of Detroit.

**Taggers Arrested**



On Friday morning at approximately 3:00 am a DTE worker was driving S/B on Jefferson and saw 2 individuals spray painting the building at 3715 W. Jefferson at the corner of Glenwood. Ecorse PD was notified and Sgt. William McCaig dispatched Officers Freddie Hugley and Ryan Allen to the location where they observed 2 males walking south on Jefferson from the location fitting the description given by the DTE worker.

When the Officers stopped and exited their patrol units to make contact with the subjects both of them fled. Officers chased both subjects with one of them running into a home on Glenwood with

Officers pursuing him into the home where he was apprehended with 2 cans of spray paint on his person in his right jacket pocket and several pieces of paper with graffiti designs on them. Subject was also wearing a glove with paint on it. Officers later located the second subject on the porch of the same location where he admitted his part in the vandalism and told the Officers where the spray cans were. Ecorse Officers were assisted by River Rouge Officers Issa and Cpl Guffey.

Both subjects were transported and housed at the Ecorse Police Department where they were both charged with felonies.

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The places of voting for the Westwood Schools Operating Millage Election to be held on February 25, 2014 will be as follows:

	<u>Locations</u>
District 2/Precincts 2	** Recreation Complex (gymnasium), 2025 Middlebelt
<b>** Will be City Hall 26215 Trowbridge for this Election Only.</b>	
District 3/Precincts 2	F.L. Peter , 4000 Sylvia
District 4/Precinct 2	New Jerusalem, 821 Inkster Road
District 5/Precinct 1	Tomlinson School, 25912 Annapolis
District 6/Precinct 1	Twin Towers, 2000 Inkster Road
District 6/Precinct 2	Daly School, 25824 Michigan Avenue

The polls for said election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on said day of election. Every qualified elector present and in line at the hour prescribed for the closing thereof shall be allowed to vote. Voting sites are ADA compliant.

Felicia Rutledge  
City Clerk

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Please take notice that the River Rouge Board of Reviews will be meeting in the Assessor's office, Room 205, at 10600 W. Jefferson, River Rouge, MI 48218. Date and times the board will be meeting.

<b>March 10th, 2014</b>	<b>9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM</b> <b>1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM</b>
<b>March 11th, 2014</b>	<b>9:00 AM to 12:00 PM</b>
<b>March 12th, 2014</b>	<b>6:00 PM to 9:00 PM</b>

This meeting is for the purpose hardship applications and contesting taxable values. Further, State law requires that all applicants for poverty reductions must supply the following information to the board before the board can grant a hardship reduction.

Complete poverty (hardship) application (available in the Treasurer's Office. Hardship applicants must meet the income guidelines.

The Board requires that all persons applying for a hardship reduction must have completed there application and returned to the Treasurer's office by March 7th, 2014. Hardship reductions cannot be granted by telephone.

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<b>Three (3) people</b>	<b>\$18,310</b>
<b>Four (4) people</b>	<b>\$22,050</b>
<b>Five (5) people</b>	<b>\$25,790</b>
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#### CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the February 17, 2014 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

#### APPROVED:

Approval of Agenda.  
Approval of Consent agenda.  
Public hearing for 2014/2015 CDBG Funds.  
Approval for travel for the Mayor to Vice President Biden's Black History Celebration.

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### CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

#### ATTENTION ECORSE TAXPAYERS

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING APPEALS ON 2014 ASSESSED AND TAXABLE VALUES. PLEASE NOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW PROPOSAL A: TAXES ARE BASED ON THE TAXABLE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.

FURTHER STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT ALL APPLICANTS FOR HARDSHIP REDUCTIONS MUST SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING BEFORE THE BOARD CAN GRANT A HARDSHIP:

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2. COPY OF FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX RETURNS/HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX OR POVERTY EXEMPTION AFFIDAVIT(AVAILABLE IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE)
3. PROOF OF INCOME (W2 , SOCIAL SECURITY STATEMENT ETC)
4. ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WISH THE BOARD TO CONSIDER
5. MUST BE CURRENT ON PROPERTY TAXES:

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## Second Chance

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was right. Cain turned away from God. Many times second chances come in the form of giving. There are 3 types: obedience giving, abundant giving, and sacrificial giving. Obedience giving is the type of giving sanctioned by God to support His church. Abundant giving is motivated by love to address a specific need in family, friends, or coworkers, etc. This is not a handout but changing the lives of people who are in need. Lastly, sacrificial giving is abstaining from your wants or desires to meet and or exceed the needs of others. One example is supporting foreign work or supporting those who cannot support themselves. Pure religion in the sight of God means caring for orphans and widows in their distress. (James 1:27). God promises

that when we give we will have everything we need and plenty to share.

### Don't spend it all now – Invest

We can never spend all of God's resources. Our duty as human is to leave this world better than we found it. Investing is not only for your long term future but for others. Here are some practical ideas for you to start investing: Savings, Money Market Account, Bonds, Stocks, Mutual Funds (401K/403B/IRA), Insurance (Term/Whole Life), Real Estate and Owning your own business. Many second chances come in a form of leaving a legacy to others to impact their future. Get a financial coach to help you move forward.

Your second chance

opportunity starts now. The opportunity is not a goal or a resolution. It becomes a life decision. What is easier - following your plan or following God's principles that will bear fruit? Life is filled with ups and downs but steady plodding brings prosperity. By reading the story of the Tortoise and Hare, you will find that the tortoise was not fazed by the rabbit. He kept his own pace and speed. He knew he would lose the opportunity if he looked at himself (his deficiencies) or the hare (others strengths). His focus was on this finish line. Focus on God, follow His principles, and experience His second chances (grace).

Make it a great day,  
Cedric Dukes  
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## Severe Weather

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round of dangerous blizzard conditions. Department of Transportation road crews are prepared to help with snow plowing and removal, and are currently working to clear drainage structures on state roads to prevent or mitigate flooding. The departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality are also working with the U.S. Coast Guard to help deal with possible flooding.

"It's been a challenging winter in the Great Lakes State and we're not through with it yet," Snyder said. "The possibility of flooding across Lower Michigan presents hazardous situations that demand awareness, caution and preparedness. In the U.P., additional snow and an ongoing propane shortage will continue to present challenges. State authorities are monitoring situations across Michigan, are working closely with local and federal partners, and are reaching out with helpful information designed to protect our citizens and their property. Let's all stay informed of the changing weather conditions and put safety first."

In the north, residents should be prepared for blizzard-like conditions as much of the U.P. is under a winter storm

watch through Friday. Forecasts call for additional snow accumulation of 6 inches or more and strong, sustained westerly winds with gusts of up to 35 miles per hour. Areas of blowing and drifting snow and limited visibility will likely develop, causing roads to become snow covered, creating hazardous driving conditions.

As temperatures rise, there is increased risk for flooding because of the higher-than-normal snow accumulation and extremely cold temperatures that Michigan encountered this winter. Water in the existing snowpack contains large amounts of moisture, and thick ice on rivers could potentially cause ice jams and rising levels. Also, as a result of frozen ground, water runoff will not be able to be absorbed, which may lead to the potential flooding of low-lying areas, including roads, basements, and bodies of water. If significant rainfall were to occur during the thawing period, there could be greater potential for widespread flooding.

People are encouraged to monitor local news and weather reports for up-to-date information and heed advisories. State authorities continue to monitor the situation closely and are prepared

to act.

Road safety  
The Department of Transportation and Michigan State Police offers motorists important tips in the event of a flood. Motorists should not attempt to drive through a flooded road, as the depth of water is not always obvious and the road bed may be washed out, which may cause drivers to become stuck and susceptible to harm. Also, motorists should not drive around a barricade, as barricades are there for protection and safety purposes.

In addition to clearing drains on state roads, MDOT also provided tips for local road agencies to help minimize effects of possible flooding.

- Clear snow and ice dams and debris and litter from drainage structures;
- Clear storm sewers and drainage structures of sand used for winter maintenance;
- Check roadside ditch lines for fallen trees or branches and other debris that could block drainage paths, and
- Verify storm drainage pump stations that move water from low areas are working and have backup generators in place.

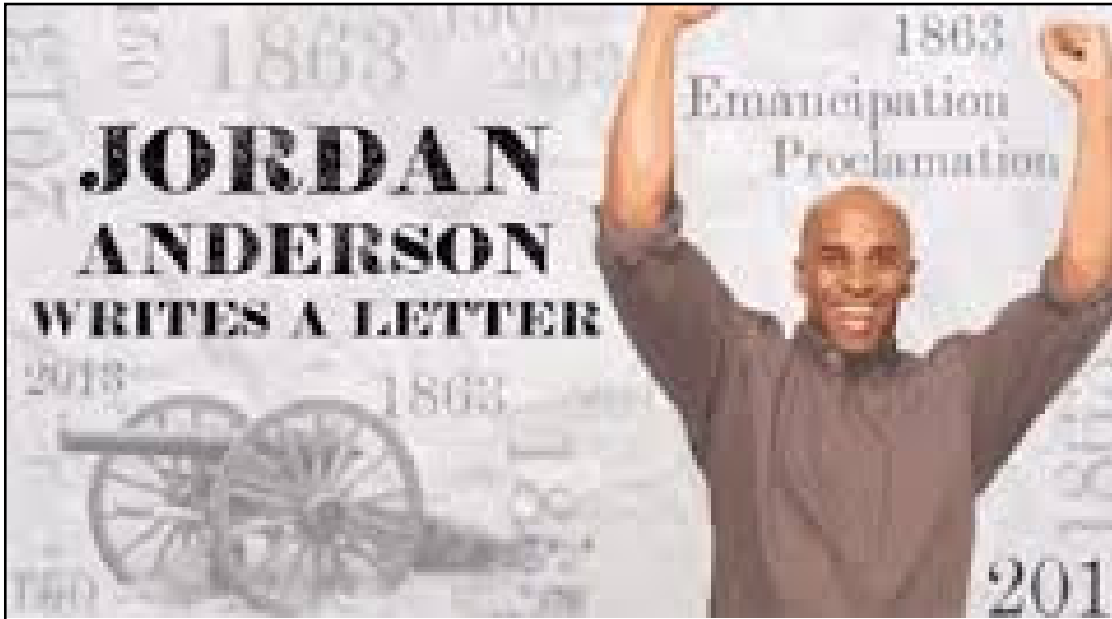
For more information, visit the MSP website, [Michigan.gov/roadconditions](http://Michigan.gov/roadconditions).



# TeleTainment

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## UDM announces Free Performance of Jordan Anderson Writes a Letter



DETROIT – In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation the University of Detroit Mercy in partnership with the Chrysler Group LLC announces four free performances of the multimedia docudrama Jordan Anderson Writes A Letter. Written by UDM Theatre Professor Dr. Arthur J. Beer, Jordan Anderson Writes A Letter will be performed on the University of Detroit Mercy's McNichols campus in the Life Science Building room 113 on February 21 and 22, 2014. To reserve your seat please call 313-993-3270. Donations are encouraged.

Performance times are Friday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and February 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Life Science building on

the UDM McNichols campus (4001 W McNichols Rd, Detroit, MI 48221). There will be a question and answer session with the playwright and historian following the 7:00 p.m. performances. An afterglow will occur following the 7:00 pm performance on Friday, February 21.

After the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, Jordan Anderson and his family fled their Tennessee master's plantation to find a new life in Dayton, Ohio under the mentorship of the great abolitionist, Valentine Winters. Their courageous journey from Tennessee slavery to Ohio freedom was later challenged by the demands of his former master to return home. Jordan Anderson assisted by Winters responds to the letter

of his former master with a letter of his own. The result is a human lesson in compassion, defiance and dignity.

Jordan Anderson Writes A Letter is produced by the University of Detroit Mercy's Theatre Company. Producer Level Sponsors are the Michigan's Humanities Council, the National Humanities Endowment and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Director Level Sponsors include the Chrysler Group LLC, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment of the Arts.

Established in 1970, The Theatre Company at University of Detroit Mercy continues its mission of providing the Metro Detroit community with thoughtful, high-quality and professional productions while centering on social justice issues in our community. For more information on becoming a student or an associate guest artist, please contact Greg Grobis at 313-993-3269.

## ASK AYANA

### Mother Hesitant Over Father/Son Introduction



**Dear Ayana,**  
I have a 14-year-old son whose father was totally estranged until a couple of years ago. My son's father lived a life of crime as a young man and was incarcerated throughout my pregnancy and again several times until my son was about 11 years old. Still, his family who live out of state, kept in touch with my son regularly, asking for pictures and sending cards and gifts for birthdays and holidays. My son and I moved to Michigan when he was still a toddler and have stability here; I have no plans of moving back South. However, my son's father has reached out to ask if I will allow our son to come down and stay for a couple of weeks in the Spring. I will say that he seems like a completely different man than the wild teen I knew. The year before he was released from prison, I allowed his mother to give him our address and he wrote to my son weekly. After his release, he called my son daily and they also Skype. We have never had a court order and I have never forced the issue of child support, but my son's family on his father's side, have always helped to support my son financially whenever there was need. Since his father has been released from prison, he has landed a job with his family's business and he sends me a substantial amount of money each month. I see that he is trying to make up for lost time, but

I'm still a bit hesitant. My son is excited about the invitation and wants to get to know his father. He's even started looking at what colleges he may want to go to where he can be closer to his dad. But again, I'm not sure if this is a good idea. I think that if we waited another year, my son would be mature enough to travel alone and another year of talking on the phone and video-chatting would give them more time to grow as father and son. When I've mentioned this to both my son and his father, both sulk for days and I become the bad guy. Should I just let him go to keep the peace?

#### Worried Mom

**Dear Worried Mom,**  
Are you really worried about keeping the peace? I'm not suggesting that you "just let him go", but I am suggesting that you be clear about your reasoning for not allowing him to go and visit his father. So far, other than his incarceration, it doesn't appear that he's done anything in the past 3 years that would warrant a denial. Of course you would nervous about letting your son go. However, your anxiety about putting your baby on a plane to visit his father for the first time is not the same as you turning down the visit because dad has not proven that he can be trusted with the child that you share. Do you see the difference? I think you should explore your feelings over this a little more. Your son's maturity level is not the issue here. Many children much younger than your son travel alone all over the country to visit parents and other relatives. What will another year of waiting really accomplish? It only serves to delay a very important meet between father and son. If you are able, accompany your son on this trip. Secure your own hotel, but allow your son to bond with his dad; this is something that they both are looking forward to. Every young man needs a father and I think it's absolutely wonderful that the father of your child, after years of imprisonment, wants to make and solidify a connection with his son. He has the ability to teach your son lessons that you simply cannot. If you are unable to go with your son, see if dad is willing to compromise, shortening the length of the first meet to a couple of days until you feel comfortable extending the visits. If something doesn't pass the smell test, you will most likely know it by asking a few questions. I encourage you to consider allowing your son to visit with his father this Spring. He needs this, his father needs this and you deserve some time to yourself. I wish the best for you all.

Ayana

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# Potholes

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research group. According to TRIP, bad roads cost Michigan drivers \$2.3 billion per year in unnecessary vehicle repairs. If you also factor in additional costs related to congestion and safety, that figure rises to \$7.7 billion per year.

The Pothole Pocketbook Contest is open to all Michigan-licensed drivers aged 18 or older, who have endured vehicle repairs caused by bad roads since January 2014. To enter, drivers must submit a photo or scan of their itemized repair bill at [justfixtheroads.com/contest](http://justfixtheroads.com/contest), along with the contact information of their mechanic or body shop to verify the repair. Drivers must also submit photos of their vehicle's damage and (if possible) the specific pothole(s) they hit.

Entrants are encouraged to use the Contact Your Legislator tool available on the contest website to urge their state legislators to invest in transportation now. Other details of the Pothole Pocketbook Contest are as follows:

- MITA will announce winners on March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24 and March 31.

- Each winner will receive a check (not to exceed \$500) to help cover the cost of their repairs.

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