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## Federal Judge Strikes Down Michigan's Ban on Same-Sex Marriage



A federal judge in Detroit struck down Michigan's ban on same-sex marriage on Friday, the latest in a string of court decisions across the country to rule that denying marriage to gay and lesbian couples is a violation of the Constitution.

"The guarantee of equal protection must prevail," wrote Judge Bernard A. Friedman of Federal District Court.

The two-week trial, which ended March 7, drew special attention because it was the first in several years to include testimony from social-science researchers on the potential impact of same-sex marriage on families and children. The state, arguing that it would be risky to change the definition of marriage, cited studies concluding that children raised by same-sex cou-

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## Bridge causing revenue loss to local businesses



The Drawbridge on West Jefferson has been in the up position since May 2013. Traffic must take detour until 2015

River Rouge city council is working hard to get some answers and action to repair the River Rouge bridge that connects the Downriver com-

munities to the City of Detroit. The drawbridge over the Rouge River in Detroit will remain closed at least until 2015 after the bridge was lowered onto a freighter early

Sunday morning on May 12, 2013.

Coast Guard -Detroit spokesman, Lieutenant Justin

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## Comerica Park introduce enhanced safety measures for 2014



MLB initiative includes metal detectors at all gates. Gates will open two hours before game time; fans have more time to watch tigers batting practice. DETROIT - The Detroit Tigers today announced an enhancement in ballpark security for the 2014 season with the installation of walk through metal

detectors at all Comerica Park entry gates and access points. All fans will be screened as they enter Comerica Park, starting with this year's season opener March 31 against the Kansas City Royals. In addition, all streets around Comerica Park will be restricted from any vehicle traffic. Additional information is posted and updated on tigers.com regarding street closures and ballpark security guidelines.

"This initiative is another step in our enhanced guest security and safety measures," said Mike Healy, Vice President of Ballpark Operations. "Safety is paramount and we want to

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## Gun Violence Aimed at Black Males Triggers Concern

By Freddie Allen



WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Several new studies confirm what most people have suspected all along: No group is harmed more by gun violence than young Black males.

"While 13 percent of Americans are black, in 2010, 65 percent of gun murder vic-

tims between the ages of 15 and 24 were black," revealed a report by the Center for American Progress (CAP). "Forty-two percent of the total gun deaths of individuals in this age group were of black males."

This trend has continued, the report noted, even as crime rates decline.

Another report on gun violence by the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) mirrors the CAP findings.

"Between 1963 and 2010, 59,265 Black children and teens were killed by guns - more than 17 times the recorded lynchings of Black people of all ages in the 86 years from 1882 to 1968."

The Children's Defense Fund study also reported that, "Black males ages 15-19 were nearly 30 times more likely to die in a gun homicide than White males."

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**CALL TO ACTION**

**Judges have Power**

*Check them out before you vote*

By Gina Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



Last week, Bernard A. Friedman of Federal District Court struck down Michigan's ban on same-sex marriage. Although the people of Michigan voted for the ban last year, the judge overruled them. What power! This makes me think and it should make you take a few minutes to think as well. We are well aware that in many cases, judges have the final say when a person is sentenced to prison, probation or given a slap on the wrist for committing a crime. Their decisions should be based on the law. However I believe that sometimes their morals or past history comes into effect. (That's only human...I'm sure I do the same thing.) Since we know that, we need to look at the candidates running for judge just as close as we look at candidates running for Mayor or State Senator. We must investigate their past practices, former rulings and affiliations. I'm sure the position of Judge, be it local government, Circuit Court, Federal Court or Supreme Court are very important positions. They have power to change people lives so before you vote for the next person running for the position of Judge, make sure you check them out.

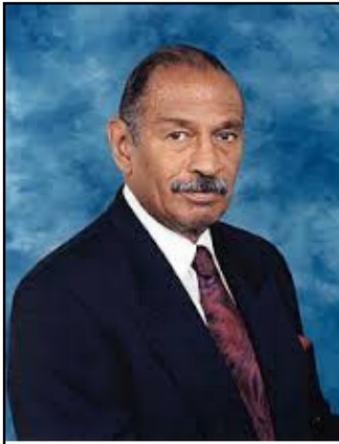
Who are the judges in your city? If he or she walked pass you, would you know who they are? What about the judges in the Circuit Court or the Supreme Court? If you are like most people, you recognize their photos during election time, but you don't see them. When it comes to voting for a judge do you decide by name recognition? Or do you vote for the person that your parents suggest? Sometimes your parents know best, but I think we need to do a little more checking before we vote for the person that will serve in that position.

Judges in local municipalities, normally serve for over ten (10) years. Once they get elected some judges retire from that position. Check with your local city clerk to find out how long the judge in your city has been serving.

**NEWS FROM WASHINGTON**

**Conyers: Under Obamacare, Michigan Medicare Enrollees Have Saved \$350 Million**

*on Prescription Drugs More Than 1.3 Million Michigan Medicare Beneficiaries Received Free Preventive Services in 2013*



**Representative John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.)**

(WASHINGTON) – Four years after the Affordable Care Act was signed into law, seniors and people with disabilities continue to enjoy lower costs and greater benefits thanks to the law's historic reforms, saving \$9.9 billion nationally on prescription drug costs alone. In 2013 alone, 178,697 Michigan seniors and people with disabilities with Medicare saved \$188,248,200, or an average of \$1,053 per beneficiary. The Affordable Care Act makes Medicare prescription drug coverage more affordable by gradually closing the gap in coverage where beneficiaries had to pay the full cost of their prescriptions out of pocket, before catastrophic coverage for prescriptions took effect - the so-called "donut hole." The law also made certain preventive services available free of charge, eliminating coinsurance and the Part B deductible for rec-

ommended preventive services, including many cancer screenings and other essential benefits. On this anniversary, Representative John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.) issued the following statement:

"The Affordable Care Act is protecting the well-being and the wallets of seniors and people with disabilities in Michigan and throughout the nation. In 2013 alone, 4.3 million Medicare beneficiaries, including 178,697 Michiganders have seen dramatic savings on their prescription drugs. The annual checkups and other free preventive services available because of this historic law have also enabled seniors to look after themselves without spending all of their savings and retirement to do so," said Conyers.

"Four years after the Affordable Care Act was signed into law, millions of seniors, students, workers, entrepreneurs and families are discovering new health security - and new financial security as well. With just one week remaining until the March 31st deadline, I encourage everyone to enroll and to ensure that family and friends enroll. With nearly 6 in every 10 uninsured able to find coverage for \$100 or less thanks to financial assistance programs, we need to work

together to make sure every uninsured individual accesses healthcare.

"Further, I am very pleased that Michigan's Medicaid expansion, Healthy Michigan, will open as planned at 12:01 am on April 1. This Medicaid expansion is expected to extend health care coverage to an additional 470,000 Michiganders, including many who have never had coverage before.

"Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, insurance companies can no longer deny coverage because of pre-existing conditions, can no longer limit the amount of care you get or charge woman more. It is already benefiting millions, including the 5 million who have signed up in the state and federal marketplaces, the 4.4 million who have signed up, renewed or found eligibility themselves eligible for Medicaid coverage, and the 3.1 million young adults who can stay on their parents' plans until they turn 26. The Affordable Care Act means personal and economic freedom for millions of Americans. With strong participation so far, we anticipate enrollment momentum to continue to build in this last week. I hope Republicans will work with Democrats to improve and strengthen the law's historic protections moving forward."

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strike a balance between safety and customer convenience. Most importantly, we are being proactive to ensure we create as safe, comfortable and enjoyable environment as we can. Statistically, walk through metal detectors allow for guests to enter more quickly and effectively into the ballpark than hand wands."

Major League Baseball guidelines mandate a screening program be implemented at all MLB ballparks by 2015. The Tigers are one of several MLB teams in a position to proactively implement this enhanced security measure for the start of the 2014 season.

The Tigers recommend ticket holders arrive early to allow ample time for this new security procedure.

Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. for 7:08 p.m. games, 11:00 a.m. for 1:08 p.m. starts and 2:00 p.m. for 4:08 p.m. games. The two hours before game time will afford patrons more time to enter the ballpark and also the opportunity to watch part of Tigers batting practice.

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## Empowering Black America

By Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. - NNPA Columnist



Every March the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and its philanthropic arm, the NNPA Foundation, gather in Washington, D.C. for Black Press Week. I attended this year's Black Press Week with a heightened interest in how our Black-owned newspapers, together with the Black Church and our Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across America can all work together to plan, execute and sustain the economic, social, political, cultural and spiritual empowerment of our families, businesses and communities in every state.

It is indeed a pleasure to share with you that we witnessed a profound sharing of insights, knowledge and experiences from a diverse collective of NNPA publishers, business leaders, academic researchers, theologians, and from a noted group of family, youth and community leaders. It was an intergenerational conference of experts who exchanged perspectives on not just the systemic problems that beset the majority of more than 45 million Black Americans, but also and more importantly on the "participatory" solutions to our problems. Throughout many of the workshops and panel discussions, a common theme emerged: "We all should work strategically together to empower our people in every facet of business, education, technology, media and human endeavor."

Empowerment may be defined as the process of enabling the attainment of sustainable power. Power is the ability, authority and capacity to do and act in one's interest unrestrained by external factors, fears, threats or intimidations. Power is not just a mathematical formula involving time and distance, power is also an economic and political reality and condition that impacts the quality of life of humanity.

Black Americans have an annual combined spending or consumer power of more than \$1 trillion. We have to express our gratitude to the NNPA and the Nielsen Company for their excellent research that documents the spending patterns of Black Americans. Yet, too many of our businesses are facing severe financial difficulties. The housing foreclosure rate in our communities continues to be the highest rate even amidst a gradual economic recovery of the U.S. housing

market. Too many of our HBCUs are experiencing funding and resource development challenges.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) just released another national study that shows that we have the highest rate of HIV infections in the nation. The CDC reported, "Blacks make up only 12% of the U.S. population but had nearly half (44%) of all new HIV infections in the United States." But there was also some news: "Despite these numbers, there are encouraging signs of progress against HIV in the black community. Blacks are more likely than other races and ethnicities to report that they have been tested for HIV at least once - 65% versus 46% for Hispanics/Latinos and 41% for whites. And the number of new HIV infections among blacks overall is on target to meet a 2015 national goal to reduce new infections by 25%. As well, black women had a 21% decline in new infections. But more work needs to be done to make sure everyone knows how to protect themselves and their partners against HIV."

The issue of how to effectively respond to the issue of HIV/AIDS was addressed by The Black Pulpit and Black Press panel discussion moderated by Rev. Walter Silva Thompson Jr., pastor of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, Jamaica, N.Y.

Panelists were: Rev. Kendrick E. Curry, Senior Pastor, Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, in Washington, DC; Rev. Lewis Brogdon, director, Black Church Studies Program at Louisville Seminary; Rev. Yvonne Cooper, Associate Minister, Allen Chapel AME Church, Washington; and Pastor Frances "Toni" Draper, Freedom Temple AME Zion Church, Baltimore, Md. We agreed that the Black Church and the Black Press must collaborate more closely.

Another critical area of focus was to empower our families and communities to end the senseless gun violence that is destroying the lives of our young people. One of the highlights of Black Press Week was presenting the NNPA "Newsmakers of the Year" awards to Ron Davis and Lucy McBath, parents of slain Florida teen Jordan Davis; and to Cleopatra and Nathaniel Pendleton, parents of slain Chicago teen Hadiya Pendleton. Being in the presence of these parents who have lost their children to gun violence served a real-time imperative that challenged all of us to do more on this critical issue.

We also went to a special White House briefing on President Barack Obama's new initiative on "Creating and Expanding Opportunity for

## Go Green Go White

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



Guess What?

The Spartans are on the cover of Sports Illustrated. That's good right?

Or is it?

There is this thing called the Sports Illustrated curse. This is where bad things happen to sports teams that appear on the cover.

You remember this year's SuperBowl?

Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos were on the cover. They were destroyed at the Super Bowl by the Seahawks.

I know it is superstition but at times it seems to be true.

Now MSU is on the cover and they are playing Virginia, not a good combination.

The Spartans can go out easily in this round, especially if they played like last week.

MSU has the talent to win this thing, regardless of the curse.

But if they do lose you know there will be talk of the curse.

Boys and Young Men of Color" titled "My Brother's Keeper."

Black Press Week concluded at the National Press Club with an outstanding luncheon panel discussion led by our NNPA News Service Editor-in-Chief George E. Curry. The topic was "Access to Economic Opportunity" and the panel members were Maggie Anderson, co-author of Our Black Year; Bill Spriggs, chairman of Department of Economics at Howard University and Valerie Ralston Wilson, director of the Program on Race, Ethnicity, and the Economy, Economic Policy Institute.

I was again inspired by the renewed call for a national grass roots activism campaign to regain control of the dollars that flow in and quickly out of our community.

Benjamin F. Chavis Jr is president of Education Online Services Corporation and the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network and can be reached for lectures and other consultations at:

## Bridge

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The West Jefferson Avenue - Rouge River Bridge is a bridge located where Jefferson Avenue crosses the Rouge River at the border of Detroit and River Rouge, Michigan. It is the only surviving pony truss bascule bridge in the state of Michigan. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2000

Westmiller, says the Herbert C. Jackson freighter had been given permission to pass through when the operator lowered the bridge onto the freighter.

The bridge is left in the up position to allow ships to pass through. An estimated 20-25 ships pass through weekly and all vehicle traffic has been rerouted. This portion of Jefferson Ave was highly traveled. About 6,400 vehicles passed over the bridge daily during 2013, according to data from Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Cindy Dingell, Wayne County Department of Public Services deputy chief operating officer, said, "It (the bridge) will be closed indefinitely to vehicle traffic," she said. "It was that badly damaged."

From all responses that the River Rouge City Council have heard is that the bridge will not reopen for vehicle traffic until 2015. That is unacceptable to the businesses and residents in River Rouge and Ecorse. The River Rouge city council has launched a campaign called 'Fix the Darn Bridge' to bring attention to the plight of the community. Commissioner Daniel Cooney has taken the lead on this project. He said,

"The short answer to when the bridge will be repaired is next year sometime. An engineering company in Chicago, Collins Engineers, Inc conducted the damage assessment inspection. The decision from the engineers is "While the damage to the structure is significant, the

practical and economical solution is to repair the existing structure rather than opting for a total bridge replacement.

Commissioner Cooney has written letters to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. He has talked with Wayne County Commissioner Joe Palamara, State Representative Rashida Taliab, Kevin McNamara Chairman of the Wayne County Public Services Commission and many more people to get an answer as to why the bridge won't be repaired until 2015.

According to Cooney, the City hasn't received a valid answer. The attorney for the City of River Rouge under the direction of the City Council, filed a Freedom of Information Act Request to the County requesting information on the status of the bridge repairs on November 19, 2013. The City is still awaiting a response from the County. Local businesses along Jefferson Ave have seen a reduction of traffic to their establishments since the bridge has been in the up position. Many have expressed that their sales have dropped considerably and in some cases they have had to lay off some of their employees. Many of the businesses have concerns whether they will survive until the bridge is repaired in 2015.

The Fix the Darn Bridge committee is looking for different ways to speed up connecting the traffic thoroughfare and returning a bloodline to the businesses and the citizens in River Rouge and the Delray Community.

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# Snow Day

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



Just when we thought we had more than enough snow and the weather was starting to break, we heard that more snow was coming. Personally, I was in denial and vowed not to believe snow was coming until it actually came.

So it came and made me a believer. I was forced to accept. As the snow dumped on Metro Detroit, many people were cursing Mother Nature and complaining about getting 'more' snow. I admit it's no fun to drive in, but I fought my urge to be upset about the snow.

Instead raising my blood pressure over more snow, I decided to focus on being thankful for my boots, thank-

ful for my coat, thankful for clothes, thankful for a warm place to stay, my front wheel drive car, food and drink and so many more blessings. I am convinced that the more grateful we are, in all circumstances, the more blessed we are.

I counted the snow a blessing. There's an elderly woman that I visit regularly. We sit in her living room and out the window are huge trees. She described how beautiful they are when the snow covers them.

In the fall, we looked forward to winter so I could see it for myself. Every time I visited, I missed the snow fall. But on this particular day, I was planning to visit and snow was anticipated.

It was perfectly timed and we were able to look at the snow covered trees glisten together. While this seemed like a curse to some, it was a blessing to us. Well into her 90s and ailing, this could be our final opportunity to witness the snow covered trees together.

What one perceives as a

curse, could be a blessing to someone else. God is wise and on the throne. Let's trust Him to be a Keeper and count it all joy, in every circumstance. Some of those snow days were a blessing as they allowed some people to be productive in other ways. Some blessings don't look like blessings because they are in disguise, and there some of us are cursing what's been sent to bless.

Bless the Lord at all times. No matter the weather, always be cautious and safe: rain, snow or heat wave shine. They all have their risks. God is no less good when either of them take place. Peace and blessings

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Church Announcements and pastor columns are included.

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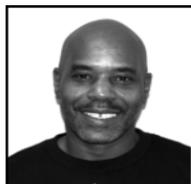
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Rev. Dr. Alford D. Sample

**Il Timothy 2:25**  
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Email: gethsemane02.org

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459 Beechwood River Rouge, MI 48218  
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### Services Times

#### Sunday

Sunday School and New Members Class 9:15 am  
 Intercessory Prayer 10:30 am  
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G. M. Overall, Pastor

## First Missionary Baptist Church of Ecorse presents.....

**Sing for Joy College Night!**  
March 29, 2014  
3837 15th St, Ecorse MI  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

"O come, let us sing unto the

Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our Salvation." Psalms 95:1

Come one, come all! We invite you to enjoy an afternoon of praise! The youth and young adults of First Missionary Baptist Church are excited to host their first College Night. This event will feature The Voices of Western Michigan University and Eastern Michigan's Gospel Choir. We look forward to uplifting the Lord with you!

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# DEATH NOTICE



**Elaine A. Spence (Bodrie)**

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A wonderful mother and wife passed away Tuesday March 25, 2014 at the Lenawee Medical Care Facility surrounded by her family. She was born June 29, 1932 to Samuel and Elda (Mascotte) Bodrie.

Elaine is survived by her loving husband Harvey Spence of Hudson MI, Three daughters Renee (George) Maree, Nanette (Rick) Roberts, Angela (Erin) Combs of Hudson MI, two sons Howard Thomas (Beth) Williams and Thomas Spence of Monroe MI, eleven grandchildren, honorary grandchild Miyah and eight great grandchildren.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents, a son Robert Williams, two grandsons Mathew Roberts and Christopher Williams, and a sister Ida Bowman. She will be dearly missed by all.

### Funeral services will be provided by:

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# Chancellor Little receives award from NAACP

## U of M Dearborn host Annual Inclusion Reception

By Gina C. Steward - Telegram Newspaper Editor



University of Michigan Dearborn Chancellor - Daniel Little is presented the Trailblazer Award by Bishop Walter L. Starghill, Jr. - President of the Western Wayne County NAACP

A higher education is within reach for everyone at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. That was the message that resounded during the Annual Commitment to Inclusion Alumni Reception that was held on Tuesday, March 18. Chancellor Daniel Little has truly made an impact

at the University which was evident by the diversity of alumni that gathered at the reception.

The University of Michigan-Dearborn is committed to fostering an inclusive campus community for faculty, staff and students. The reception was an opportunity for alumni, staff and

current students to network with community partners and hear from Chancellor Little as he gave an overview of the programs that are offered at the University. He spoke on the importance of going beyond Diversity. He said, they are fostering a community where students are eager to learn about other races, religions and sexual orientation.

During the reception, Bishop Walter L. Starghill, Jr. - President of the Western Wayne County Chapter of the NAACP, presented Chancellor Daniel Little with the Trailblazer Award. He was recognized for taking the lead made an impact on the community. He lead the crowd in a chant of five more years.

To learn more about the University of Michigan Dearborn visit <http://www.umd.umich.edu/>. To learn more about the Western Wayne County Branch of the NAACP you can attend the monthly NAACP meetings on the second Monday of each month at 27500 Marquette in Garden City. The meetings begin at 7:00pm.

# Wayne County Seniors compete in Spelling Bee's

Wayne County seniors compete in spelling bees to qualify for spot in Spell Off for Seniors final Top three spellers from each location to advance to final round

WAYNE COUNTY, MI— Seniors from throughout Wayne County will compete in spelling bees, at six locations, for a chance to represent their community in the Senior Spell Off taking place in Brownstown on July 16. The top three spellers from each location will move on to compete in the final round.

There are 5 remaining spelling bees:

•April 1, 2014 – Services for Older Citizens - 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms MI 48236

•April 9, 2014 –Romulus Senior Center - 36525 Bibbins, Romulus MI 48174

•April 29,2014 – Copeland Senior Center – 2306 4th Street, Wyandotte MI 48192

•April 30, 2014 – Ford Community – 15801 Michigan Ave, Dearborn MI 48126

•May 21, 2014 - Brownstown Sr. Center – 21311 Telegraph, Brownstown, MI 48183

"It's inspiring to see our senior population show off their spelling skills. It's a reminder that while beauty may fade, knowledge is forever," said

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "The Spell Off for Seniors is by far one of my favorite events that we host," he added.

The final 18 participants will face off in a single elimination-style spell off at the Brownstown Senior Center, 21311 Telegraph Rd, Brownstown Twp, MI 48183. The spell off will result in the naming of a first place winner along with 2nd and 3rd place runner ups.

The Spell Off for Seniors is a free event open to public spectators. The day's festivities will also include a free lunch and a raffle-- for both participants and spectators. Parties interested in attending are asked to call (313) 224-0755 to reserve a spot at the event. The event has several sponsors who are underwriting the costs associated with putting on the event.

The Spell Off for Seniors is one of many events that Wayne County hosts for the senior community. Other events include but are not limited to the annual "Senior Picnic" and the "Lunch with Bob," series that takes place throughout the county.

For more information on services and programs for seniors available through Wayne County, visit the Wayne County Senior services webpage at: [waynecounty.com/svs/index.htm](http://waynecounty.com/svs/index.htm)

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(Detroit)—The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) is providing free bus transportation to and from the museum on Saturday, April 5, for Wayne County residents. Visitors can browse the collection, take part in an art-making activity, view two free exhibitions, or see the Samurai: Beyond the Sword exhibition at the discounted group rate of \$12 per person.

In addition to great art, the DIA has two restaurants: Café DIA and Kresge Court. The museum shop has a variety of gifts, many of which cannot be found in other area stores. A special Samurai: Beyond the Sword shop is also available, with many objects imported from Japan (no visit to the exhibition is necessary to access the shop).

The special Wayne County Day is provided thanks to Wayne County residents, who voted to support the DIA through last year's millage. The museum recently held a Macomb County Day and Oakland County Day is on March 29.

Wayne County bus departure locations and schedule:

**Dearborn Heights City Hall**, 6045 Fenton St. Dearborn Heights Bus departs city hall at 9:30 a.m.; bus departs DIA at 2 p.m.

**Belleville Area District Library**, 167 Fourth Street, Belleville Bus departs library at 9:30 a.m.; bus departs DIA at 2 p.m.

**Livonia Community Recreation Center**, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia (use 5 Mile parking lot entrance, corner of 5 Mile and Berwick) Bus departs recreation center at 10 a.m.; bus departs DIA at 2:30 p.m.

**Focus: HOPE**, 1400 Oakman Blvd. Detroit (CAT parking lot) Bus departs Focus: HOPE at 10 a.m.; bus departs DIA at 2:30 p.m.

**Patton Park Community Center**, 2301 Woodmere, Detroit Bus departs community center at 10 a.m.; bus departs DIA at 2:30 p.m.

**Woodhaven Community Center**, 23101 Hall Rd. Woodhaven Bus departs community center at 9:30 a.m.; bus departs DIA at 2 p.m.

Reservations for free bus transportation are required. For more information and to reserve a spot, call 313-833-4005 or go to <http://bit.ly/waynecountyday>

**Hours and Admission**  
Museum hours are 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Tuesdays–Thursdays, 9 a.m.–10 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. General admission (excludes ticketed exhibitions) is free for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county residents and DIA members. For all others, \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors ages 62+, \$4 for ages 6–17. For membership information, call 313-833-7971.

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The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA), one of the premier art museums in the United States, is home to more than 60,000 works that comprise a multicultural survey of human creativity from ancient times through the 21st century. From the first Van Gogh painting to enter a U.S. museum (Self-Portrait, 1887), to Diego Rivera's world-renowned Detroit Industry murals (1932–33), the DIA's collection is known for its quality, range, and depth. The DIA's mission is to create opportunities for all visitors to find personal meaning in art.

Programs are made possible with support from residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

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## Same sex

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ples had worse outcomes in life.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs described the scholars who appeared for the state as religiously motivated and part of a "desperate fringe," and subjected them to withering cross-examination. Judge Friedman agreed with the criticism, describing the state's witnesses as "unbelievable" and calling their studies deeply flawed.

Judge Friedman was appointed to the federal seat in the eastern district of Michigan in 1988, by President Ronald Reagan.

At the trial, Michigan argued that it was wrong for federal courts to overturn a policy adopted by public referendum in 2004, and that Michigan voters should decide if change was needed. But Judge Friedman ruled that state authority "cannot trump federal constitutional limitations."

The case was brought by April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse, nurses who live together in a Detroit suburb and who each adopted children born with special needs and are raising them as one family. They originally sued in 2012 to overturn a state law that prevents

them, as unmarried parties, from adopting their three children as a couple. They wanted to do so to protect their parental interests in the event one of them dies.

They later expanded their suit to challenge Michigan's ban on same-sex marriage or even civil unions.

In the opinion, Judge Friedman expressed the hope that the plaintiffs and other families with same-sex parents could enjoy the security and benefits of marriage. "In attempting to define this case as a challenge to 'the will of the people,'" he wrote, "state defendants lost sight of what this case is truly about: people."

He said the current decision affirmed that "regardless of whoever finds favor in the eyes of the most recent majority, the guarantee of equal protection must prevail."

Since June, when the United States Supreme Court struck down part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act, federal judges in Utah, Oklahoma, Virginia, Texas and now Michigan have declared that state amendments and laws limiting marriage to a man and a woman are unconstitutional

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# Children's Health Program in Jeopardy

More than 81,000 in District Could Lose Coverage

by Stacy M. Brown Special to the NNPA from The Washington Informer



Funding for a federally administered health insurance program for children could end next year and jeopardize about 8 million youngsters who depend upon it to visit their doctors, emergency rooms and other medical facilities.

"As states are adjusting to a variety of health system changes, it is essential that Congress secure the Children's Health Insurance Program's future so that states can operate their programs without interruption," Bruce Lesley, president of the Northwest-based national bipartisan children's advocacy organization First Focus, wrote in a letter dated March 13 to lawmakers and co-signed by more than 400 local, state and national organizations.

While about 8 million are enrolled nationwide in the program - known as CHIP - more

than 81,000 D.C. residents rely on the insurance.

CHIP provides health coverage to children in families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid, but who cannot afford private coverage.

The program, which started in 1997, provides federal matching funds to states for the coverage and federal spending climbed to \$13 billion in 2013, approximately 8 percent more than the previous year.

"If the CHIP funding cliff is not addressed, important gains in children's coverage would be lost," Lesley said.

"While the Affordable Care Act holds great promise for the millions of Americans who have lacked an affordable coverage option, especially uninsured adults, it will take time and experience to know how new coverage options, eligibility rules, enrollment systems, policies and procedures, benefits, plans and provider networks are working to meet the unique health and developmental needs of children," he said.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010 extends CHIP funding through Oct. 1, 2015 and it provides an additional \$40 million in federal funding to continue efforts to promote enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP.

However, some lawmakers and others have questioned the need to continue the program because of the coverage available under the ACA.

"We don't want to destroy any-

thing, but it's not something that can continue in perpetuity either," said Donna Checkett, a commissioner and vice president of business development for Aetna's Medicaid division in Hartford, Conn.

MedPageToday.com, a news service for physicians that provides a clinical perspective on breaking medical news, reported that it's difficult for policymakers to know how best to handle CHIP beneficiaries, given the ACA's insurance exchanges are in their relative infancy.

"Exchanges are not yet ready to function as a strong pediatric policy," said Sara Rosenbaum, a Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MAC-PAC) member and health policy professor at George Washington University in Northwest.

"Is it a good idea to make a universal marketplace function more responsibly for children? Or is it a good idea to keep a separate pediatric financing arrangement? Because every time children get thrown in with adults, you worry that things will skew toward adults," Rosenbaum said.

MACPAC commissioner Judy Moore, a health consultant in Annapolis, Md., said the organization should work to recommend some sort of transition between the current CHIP program and one where children are fully protected and covered through plans on the ACA's health insurance exchanges.

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# Where are they now!!

## Damus Smith - River Rouge



felt that they all truly wanted me to succeed. Just hearing the words Damus you're better than that. We expect more out of you made a difference in how I viewed myself. I love that I am a product of River Rouge. I wouldn't change it for the world. Current Occupation: I am an author, speaker, and life coach that specialize in helping individuals, businesses, and organizations take their lives and businesses to the next level.

What do you like about your job/career? I love helping people take their lives, businesses, and careers to the next level. Today people are living one of three lives. First they are either living a dead life where they have no energy, no joy, and don't know their purpose in life. Second they are either living the directed life where they have a good job make good money, but they are not doing what they love to do only what they have to do. The third type of life which I specialize in is helping people achieve is the Dynamic Life! This is where you know your purpose in life and you live your purpose daily. You are financially free, physically fit, mentally strong, and spiritually sound and you have clarity, confidence, and are competent and achieving the assignment God has given you. You are living life at your fullest potential. Which of your jobs did you enjoy the most and why? I have had many jobs throughout my life. I have been a corporate

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Name: Damus Smith  
School Graduated From: River Rouge High School  
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suffer harsher consequences, and even could be expelled. I was devastated. But what impacted me the most wasn't the consequences I could face, but the words that was said in that meeting by my grandmother, grandfather, and the principal. They all said, "Damus you're better than this" We expect more out of you! Those simple words impacted me greatly. I know today my old high school and even city may get a bad wrap, but when I was in school I felt that everyone their truly cared about me and wanted the best for me. From the teachers, principal, coaches, and even the janitor. It just

Most memorable experience: My most memorable experience was the day I got suspended from school for 3 days for fighting and disrespecting a teacher. Growing up I had a bad temper. I did well in school, but I was very unruly. I can remember after returning from school after my suspension I had a meeting with the principal at the time along with my grandparents. They sat me down and explained to me if this happened again I would

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## Michigan, Michigan State moves on to Sweet 16

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer



The No. 2-seeded University of Michigan men's basketball team advanced to the Sweet Sixteen for the second consecutive year, making a tournament program-record 14 three-pointers in defeating No. 7-seeded Texas, 79-65, on Saturday (March 22) inside the BMO Harris Bradley Center.

Sophomore Caris LeVert's

triple at 14:18 of the first half put U-M up, 9-6, and for good. Sophomore Nik Stauskas led Michigan with 17 points and tied his career high with eight assists. Graduate student Jordan Morgan posted his second straight double double by scoring 15 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, while sophomores Glenn Robinson III (St. John, Ind./Lake Central) and LeVert each scored 14

points. This Friday, in Indianapolis, Indiana, the Wolverine will take on the University of Tennessee at 7:15 p.m. ET.

Michigan State's junior swingman Branden Dawson scored a career-high 26 points Saturday night to lead the Michigan State Spartans past the Harvard Crimson 80-73 in the third round of the NCAA Tournament. Spartans guard Gary Harris scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half to help foil Harvard's comeback attempt. The fourth-seeded Spartans advance to the Sweet 16. Michigan State, the No. 4 seed, plays Friday in the East Regional against the University of Virginia at about 10:15pm ET. By the way, how is your bracket?

## Ihedigbo Joins Lions

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer



James Ihedigbo the veteran safety tweeted on Tuesday night that he's agreed to join the Detroit Lions. The Baltimore Sun reports it's a two-year deal. Ihedigbo started in all 16 games for the Ravens in 2013 and figures to line up next to Glover Quin in

Detroit's defensive backfield. The 30-year old turned in a solid season, tallying three interceptions and two forced fumbles. The Lions were in need of a safety with starting experience after they released Louis Delmas earlier this year, and the move makes sense

given Ihedigbo's familiarity with new Lions defensive coordinator Teryl Austin who was the Ravens' defensive backs coach the past two seasons. The Lions aren't going to pick up the fifth-year option of defensive tackle Nick Fairley's contract. Mayhew volunteered the information without even being asked this past Monday. "That wasn't unintentional," The Lions are throwing out this information publicly because they want to motivate Fairley into trying harder. Fairley, now entering his fourth season, could have been retained by Detroit for 2015 for \$5.5 million. The team has declined to pick that option up. Lions will also pick up two extra draft choices in the fourth round of this year's 2014 NFL Draft.

## Are Tigers Ready for Opening Day?

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer



The Detroit Tiger's latest blow was Bruce Rondon, now headed for a Tommy John surgery operating room near you and done for the season. Now 28-year-old right-hander Evan Reed, claimed off waivers from the Miami Marlins last April, who has hit 97 miles per hour and racked up 12 strikeouts, while allowing just three hits in 11 1/3 innings this spring. Al Alburquerque (11 strikeouts and just one run in six innings this spring) and that ghost of Yankees past, Joba Chamberlain who is a work in progress will be counted for production from the bullpen.

Speaking of pitchers, "the Detroit Tigers have made a substantial, long-term contract extension offer to Max Scherzer that would have placed him among the highest

paid pitchers in baseball, and the offer was rejected. As we have reiterated, it has been the organization's intent to extend Max's contract and keep him in a Tigers uniform well beyond the 2014 season. While this offer would have accomplished that, the ball club's focus remains on the start of the upcoming season, and competing for a World Championship. Moving forward there will be no further in-season negotiation and the organization will refrain from commenting on this matter."

Well now before that it's was Jose Iglesias and those pesky stress fractures in both shins, which have put his 2014 season in peril. The Detroit Tigers this past Monday announced that the club has acquired infielder Alex Gonzalez from the Baltimore Orioles in exchange for utility player Steve Lombardozzi.

Gonzalez, 37, has played in 1600 games at the major league level and has batted .246 with 663 runs scored, 332 doubles, 30 triples, 157 home runs and 688 RBI. The 15-year major league veteran saw action at first base (22 games), third base (11 games) and shortstop (three

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## Romulus bit by Cubs, 54-53, in quarters

By Christian Young - Telegram Staff Writer

DETROIT—University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall may have been a boon to some, but it seems almost like a second home to the Romulus Eagles.

The Eagles have made repeated trips here over the past decade during their deep tournament runs.

But unfortunately, the 2013 Class A state champs couldn't fend off a home invasion—this one to the U-D Jesuit Cubs, who prevailed in a 54-53 nailbiter on Mar. 18.

"These kids have worked their butt off all year," Romulus coach Jerret Smith said. "We have to execute a little quicker, play harder and get the job done. It comes down to every possession."

U-D's Noah King knocked down a 3-pointer in the fourth quarter to open the lead up to 46-38, but two free throws from Bell and a Juwan Clark layup kept the game tight. A Tyrone Hamby 3-pointer closed the gap to three, but Gary Collins's jam aided in putting the U-D lead at 52-47 with just over two minutes to go.

But a quick steal by D'Angelo

Hansbro and dish to Tyrone Hamby closed the gap, and Hansbro's 3-pointer got the Eagles to a 53-52 deficit with just a minute to go.

U-D's Nick Mutebi was fouled and hit a free throw to put the lead at 54-52, and the Cubs played smothering defense the rest of the way. Deonte Bell hit a free throw for Romulus to get within 54-53. Hamby and Clyburn attempted shots within the last few seconds, but they fell short, and the Eagles saw their season come to an end.

"We just took some bad shots," Smith said. "We always have a play ready, but we wanted to get it a little bit quicker and execute it a little quicker."

Jesuit coach Pat Donnelly wasn't happy about his team's play either.

"I was a little upset that we had a one-point lead and we didn't play intelligently," he said. "We took a couple of bad shots at the end."

Walker hit a free throw at the beginning of the second half and slammed home a jam to keep the Eagles within strik-

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



River Rouge Panther Head Football Coach, Corey Parker (Center) with players during their Annual Football Banquet. During the Banquet, players received their Varsity Letter Certificates, Conference Medals and special recognition plaques. Coach Parker and the other coaches were on hand with parents and family to participate and congratulate the players on another winning season.

# Detroit Tigers

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games), compiling a .974 fielding percentage during the 2013 season with the Milwaukee Brewers. He has compiled a .972 fielding percentage in 1539 career games at shortstop. Gonzalez has appeared in 12 games this spring for the Orioles and is batting .429 with four runs scored, one double, two home runs and six RBI. In addition, lest we forget, even before that was left fielder Andy Dirks, out for several months following back surgery last month.

The line for opening day is as follow, Ian Kinsler at second base, Torri Hunter in right

field, Miguel Cabrera back at first base, Victor Martinez batting clean-up as DH, at short stop Alex Gonzalez batting fifth, Austin Jackson playing center field, Nick Castellanos in the No. 7 hole and playing third, Alex Avila at catcher and hitting eight, followed by their left fielder likely a Rajai Davis/Don Kelly/Tyler Collins combo plate for the moment.

Now do not be surprised if there is an Omar Vizquel comeback. The 46-year-old first-base coach might be press to come out of retirement if he is needed as he still have one of the best gloves playing short-stop.

# Romulus

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ing distance late in the third quarter. D'Angelo Hansbro hit a layup to narrow the gap to 35-34, but Noah King's jam and free throws helped open the U-D lead back up to 41-36 at the end of the third.

The Eagles climbed within 23-18 thanks to Jaylin Walker's timely 3-pointer. Tough transition defense hurt the Eagles in the first half Thomas hit another quick bucket to kick off a run where the Cubs scored six points in two minutes, until Clyburn stopped the bleeding with a 3-ball to pull the Eagles within four points. Another six-point run put the Cubs ahead 31-20, but Romulus responded with a run of their own, culminating with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from Walker to close the gap to 31-29 at halftime.

"You're not going to win at this level missing 10 free throws and six layups," Smith said. "We have to play for 32 minutes, bottom line."

U-D struck first blood, but Romulus's Matt Eldridge hit two free throws and Deonte Bell knocked down a triple to pull the Eagles even. Bell hit another triple and two free throws to pull the Eagles ahead 12-10, but Billy Thomas hit a three pointer as time ran out on the first quarter to spot the Cubs a 13-12 lead.

Hamby led the Eagles with 15 points, while Walker chipped in 13. Cassius Winston led U-D with 11 points.

The Cubs became the first Catholic League team to advance to the MHSAA semifinals since Warren DeLaSalle's trip in 2007, but saw their season come to an end this past Friday with an 85-75 loss to the Bloomfield Hills Blackhawks. The Blackhawks would then fall to Muskegon, 91-67, in the Class A championship on Saturday.

## \* COMMUNITY NEWS\*

### INKSTER

**The Leanna Hicks Library is hosting a presentation for Smart Money Week (April 5-12, 2014).**

The program will be on Identity Theft, and presented by Attorney General Bill Schuette's Senior Brigade. The Identity Theft program will be held Wednesday April 9, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library; 2005 Inkster Rd; Inkster, MI 48141. The Library's phone number is 313-563-2822.

At this event, the book Money Rules by Jean Chatzky will be available to those who attend. Money Smart Week is generously sponsored by the Michigan Credit Union League.

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# HOROSCOPES



**MARCH 13 - MARCH 19, 2014**

### ARIES

(Mar. 21- April 20)  
 The key to feeling good about yourself will be to do something about it. You may find that you are a little lucky this week. Try not to let your emotions interfere with the completion of your work. Take time to catch up on gossip and make plans to do a little adventure travel.

**Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.**

### TAURUS

(Apr. 21- may 21)  
 The stamina you possess will be apparent in your approach to your hobbies and creative projects. Your accomplishments could exceed your expectations if you mix a little business with pleasure. Romantic encounters will develop through group activity. You can increase the value of your dwelling. Look into residential moves that will give you more space.

**Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.**

### GEMINI

(May 22-June 21)  
 Get back to the comforts of cottage or home. You may get some opposition. Personal changes will be to your benefit. Think of changes to your home that will please and add to everyone's comfort. Residential moves should be considered carefully.

**Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.**

### CANCER

(June 22-July 22)  
 You really can't do anything to change matters this week. Money can be made if you are willing to take a chance. Keep a lookout for any individuals eager to confront you with unsavory situations. Don't allow your lover to take advantage of your good nature.

**Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.**

### LEO

(July 23-Aug 22)  
 Proceed with caution if operating equipment or vehicles. You can make personal changes that will enhance your reputation and give you greater self confidence. Sign up for courses that will help you understand yourself better. Get more involved in group efforts at work.

**Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.**

### VIRGO

(Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)  
 You will have original ideas for ways to make extra money. You need to make changes that will raise your self esteem, such as a new hairstyle or a new image. Creative educational pursuits will payoff. You may be ill-treated if you have to deal with institutional envi-

ronments.

**Your lucky day this week will be Friday.**

### LIBRA

(Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)  
 You need to get down to basics with regard to yourself. You can expect to face opposition on the home front. You just hate waste, and when someone else costs you dearly you see red. Some relatives will be extremely perplexing.

**Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.**

### SCORPIO

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
 You will be popular with acquaintances; however, loved ones could feel left out and insecure. You may want to pull out some of those unfinished project you've got tucked away. Opportunities for love will develop while traveling or while attending religious functions. Arguing won't help.

**Your lucky day this week will be Monday.**

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)  
 Investments may be misrepresented this week. Try to curb your bad habits. Don't invest too much of your own money. The personal problems you may be having are interfering with your productivity.

**Your lucky day this week will be Monday.**

### CAPRICORN

(Dec 22.- Jan. 20)  
 Positive changes regarding your personal status are evident. Promote your ideas now. You may not get your facts correct this week; double-check before making any statements. Do something special for them.

**Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.**

### AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)  
 Someone you work with may be trying to make you look bad. Romance will unfold if you take trips or get together with friends. You can accomplish a lot if you put some effort into household duties or redecorating plans. Limitations on the home front can be expected if you have been restricting your mate's freedom.

**Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.**

### PISCES

(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)  
 Your lover may cost you financially. Do not trust others with important information. Be diplomatic and honest, and that person will only be made to look bad. Put financial speculation with family members or friends on the back burner for now.

**Your lucky day this week will be Saturday**

**Food FOR Thought**  
 ALLEVIATING HUNGER IN SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

Team up with  
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 to help our hungry neighbors in need.

Bring in nonperishable food items this spring and help feed hungry children, seniors, and families within your community!

**\*CRIME ALERTS\***

**POLICE BLOTTER**

**RIVER ROUGE**

**River Rouge Police Department  
313-842-8700**

March 16th, 2014

At 0011hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of East Henry an Assault & Battery complaint. A 24 year old female told officer that incident began just the day before when she was assaulted by an unknown female in the front of her home. She states she was standing outside her residence, on the porch, talking to her neighbor, who happened to be a male. Suddenly a silver Chevrolet Impala pulled up in the roadway and a female exited the vehicle. The victim states this female approached her and said "get away from my man" and "don't talk to my boyfriend". The victim states the female struck her in her face 3 to 4 times with a closed fist. The female then got into the vehicle and drove east bound on Henry Street. The female believes the unknown female was intoxicated and older. Officers observed dry blood on the female's lips. She refused medical attention.

March 18th, 2014

At 2309hrs, officers were dispatched to the 500 Block of Polk Street on a Disturbance. Upon arrival officers placed a 15 year old female into custody put her in the back seat of the patrol vehicle and looked further and seen to other females arguing. Officers made contact and placed a 40 year old in custody causing the disturbance in the patrol vehicle. The older female stated her 15 year had come to her sister's house and started arguing with the brother. The mother separated the two of them, when the 15 year old charged at her and began fighting her. The mother fought back and bit her daughter in her left hand and left shoulder. Health Link was called to the scene to check both females. The mother told officers her daughter has psychiatric problems and she need treatment. The young daughter was transported to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital for Treatment to a laceration on her right hand. Lost for words!

March 19th, 2014

At 2126hrs, an officer was patrolling the area of Haltiner near West Jefferson, when he observed red Chevrolet Suburban that matched the description of a Wanted Vehicle by Wayne PD. The

driver was wanted for Domestic Violence. Officers conducted a Traffic Stop and confirmed the Wanted Vehicle. The 30 year old male driver was placed under arrested after he could not produce his Driver's License, Proof of Insurance or Vehicle Registration. The 30 year old male was arrested and taken into custody and placed in the patrol vehicle. A check with LEIN showed 7 prior 904 Convictions for the male. During the vehicle inventoried, officers discovered a Ted Williams sawed off shotgun lying in the back seat. When the owner of the vehicle, the girlfriend of the driver came in to get her vehicle, she was just released from the hospital from the beating he gave her. When she heard that a weapon was found inside her vehicle she became scared and frightened. She told officers that he threatened her and told her he was going to kill her. After the assault the boyfriend left the home of his girl with 5 children and fled to River Rouge. Whoops!! I did it again, here goes yet another tragedy that could have been fatality trying this time to happen.

March 20th, 2014

At 0224hrs, a River Rouge Sergeant went to Ecorse PD lobby to speak with a 22 year old female about an incident that occurred in the City of River Rouge, at the Extra Innings Bar, 10315 West Jefferson. The female stated while she was at the bar a 30 year old male from Ecorse entered. He appeared upset and spoke to her about him getting another female pregnant and his wife finding out. The female told the male she was not interested in his problems. He became irate and threw a cup of water he was holding, at her face, then threw a cup of liquor he had in the other hand. The male struck her in the face with a closed hand fist and then they started fighting. The male's brother grabbed the female's hair from the back and tried to pull her down to the ground. Many patrons sitting nearby tried to stop the assault when the male struck her in the face again. Several patrons detained the male when someone yelled "Get your dumb - out of here before you get shot". The female left the bar immediately and while on her way back" she was being followed by the male. Once into the City of Ecorse the male began firing shots at her from a handgun and struck her vehicle. Whew! That was a "close call" of another tragedy or fatality about to happen.

**City cracks down on abandoned cars**

*Police will enforce ordinance*



In an effort to rid the City of Ecorse of blight, the City is encouraging its residents to remove abandoned cars from the street. Now that the treacherous winter is over, the clean up can begin. It is imperative that residents remove abandoned vehicles from the streets, remove vehicles that are parked on the grass and any vehicle that has been parked in the same spot for over 48 hours.

Residents should become familiar with the ordinance. The City Charter states - ARTICLE VIII. BLIGHT Sec. 7-127. Purpose

(b) It shall be unlawful for any

person to maintain or permit to be maintained any of the following causes of blight or blighting factors upon any property in the city owned, leased, rented or occupied by such person:

(8) On any public property to:  
c. Park any automobile, city-owned and/or operated vehicles and/ or emergency vehicles excluded, on any public street or other city property for a period of time exceeding forth-eight (48) hours.

(9) In any area zoned for residential purposes to:  
b. park or store any unlicensed and/or inoperable

motor vehicle, boat, camper, trailers or parts thereof, on a residential driveway, rear yard, side yard or front yard of any such property for more than forty-eight (48) hours, unless same is in a garage. Park or store any licensed motor vehicle, camper, boats or trailers, or parts thereof, on a rear yard, side or front yard unless same is in a garage.

All residents in the City of Ecorse should abide by the ordinance to help with the beautification of the city. The Ordinance Officer along with a police officer will patrol throughout the city in a blitz to get a jump start on 'Spring Cleaning' the City. Director of Public Safety Mike Moore says that 'An extra set of eyes will help us to beautifying the City. Residents are urged to call the ordinance office if they notice any abandoned vehicles in the community. For more information or any questions, please contact the Ordinance Officer at 313-436-4009.

Note: Residents should also remove any trash that has accumulated in their yards over the winter.

**Gun Violence**



Yet another study on Black homicides in the United States by the Violence Policy Center, shows that 8 percent of Black homicide victims never reached their 19th birthday and the average age of Black homicide victims was just 30 years old.

But the numbers tell only part of the story.

"More than 1 million years of potential life are lost due to gun deaths each year," the CAP report found. "These are years of life that young people killed by guns would have achieved educational milestones, entered the workforce, had families, and contributed to the social, economic, and cultural advancement of society in untold ways - all erased by gunfire."

Neill Franklin, a 34-year law enforcement veteran of the Maryland State Police and Baltimore Police Department, said that the proliferation of guns in the Black community is directly linked to the growth of illegal drug markets there and the failed War on Drugs.

Franklin worked as a narcotics agent early in his career and is now the execu-

tive director of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, a nonprofit group of current and former law enforcement members that advocate for reform in existing drug policies in the United States. Franklin said that guns were tools of the trade for managing the drug territories.

Franklin said that there's no major drug organizations controlling drug traffic in the cities anymore, just little independent drug dealers on the corners fighting for market share and the "stick up boys" robbing the drug dealers.

Part of the violence can be attributed to the way disputes are settled on the streets.

"Now whenever there is a dispute of any type, whether it's over a girl or something that someone said, or if somebody's shoe gets stepped on, the way to settle that argument is with a gun," explained Franklin.

Add the easy availability of guns to that dangerous mix and the problem is compounded.

According to a report by the Children's Defense Fund on youth gun violence "virtually anyone can buy a gun without a background check."

A loophole in the federal law governing gun sales allows private sellers, even on the Internet, to peddle guns without submitting the buyer to a background check.

"In 2009, undercover stings at gun shows in Nevada, Ohio and Tennessee revealed that 63 percent of private sellers sold guns to purchasers who stated that they would be unable to pass a background check," stated the CDF report.

It also found: "A 2011 study of internet gun sales found that 62 percent of sellers agreed to sell a gun to a buyer who said he probably couldn't pass a back-

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PATRICIA HUDSON-JOHNSON  
CITY CLERK

## CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

### CITY OF INKSTER

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

#### APPROVED:

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of Consent agenda.

Approval to renew the agreements with Murray's Real Estate Services, Red Carpet Keim, Will Co-Op and Your Home Town Realty.

Approval to support the Conference of Western Wayne Mayor's Resolution supporting HB4593 Nonferrous Metal Regulatory Act (Scrap Metal).

Felicia Rutledge  
City Clerk

## CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

### CITY OF ECORSE INVITATION TO BID JANITORIAL SERVICES

The City of Ecorse is accepting bids from qualified firms to provide Janitorial Services. Sealed bids will be received by the City of Ecorse City Clerk's Office, at 3869 West Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014.

Bid forms and specifications will be available at the City of Ecorse City Hall City Clerk's office located on the first floor at 3869 W. Jefferson Avenue, Ecorse, Michigan 48229.

Bid inquiries and questions may be directed to the office of the City Administrator's at 313-386-2410.

City Administrator  
City of Ecorse  
March 21, 2014

(as posted in Ecorse City Hall on March 21, 2014; initials \_\_\_\_\_ )

(as published in the Telegram News on March 27, 2014 )

## CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

### CITY OF ECORSE INVITATION TO BID LAWN MAINTENANCE

The City of Ecorse is accepting bids from qualified firms to provide Lawn Maintenance. Sealed bids will be received by the City of Ecorse City Clerk's Office at 3869 West Jefferson, Ecorse, MI 48229 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014.

Bid forms and specifications will be available at the City of Ecorse City Hall City Clerk's office located on the first floor at 3869 W. Jefferson Avenue, Ecorse, Michigan 48229.

Bid inquiries and questions may be directed to the office of the Department of Public Works at 313-294-3731.

Department of Public Works  
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FROM THE  
TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES  
July 1988

# Students honored by Great Lakes Steel



Ecorse High School students who were outstanding in citizenship, attitude, cooperation throughout the 1987-99 school year was honored recently at a breakfast ceremony during which awards were presented. The Great Lakes Division of National Steel provided the financial sponsorship for the year long program and Arthur Warmuskerkan, public affairs

manager for the company, presented the Student of the Year Trophy to Stacey Walker. Others honored at the breakfast for having been chosen Students of the Month were Belita Lowe, Richard McCarter, Jade Meador, Stacey Walker, Elmer Burnette and Charisse Cook. Because the response to the program among students, teachers and administration has been so gratifying,

Warmuskerken announced that Great Lakes will sponsor the activity again next school year.

Surrounded by fellow Students of the month, Stacey Walker, Ecorse high School Students of the Year, (third from right) accepts a trophy from Arthur Warmuskerken, public affairs manager for Great Lakes Steel Division of National Steel.

# Where are they

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sales trainer for a billion dollar manufacturing company where I made a great living, and I have had the pleasure of being an entrepreneur. Without a question I love being an entrepreneur and using my gift to help others. I'm a firm believer in developing multiple streams of income, but in my eyes I don't focus on just having a job or even a career I focus on trying to help people fulfill their calling and achieve their God given assignment. This is what I love to do. Having a career and making a profit is great, but when you discover your calling and live a life of purpose that's Dynamic!

What would you like the readers of the Telegram to know about the road you traveled to get to where you are today? Well, I would love for readers to know that I wasn't born with a silver spoon in my mouth. I have overcome job layoffs, debt of \$125,000, depression, obesity, and even drugs and violence in my community and my family, but despite all these hardships I have discovered that it doesn't matter where you start and what you been through it's all about how you finish. In one year I have overcome 125,000 of debt, I have lost over 80lbs, I have become a top performer in my profession, and I didn't fall victim to my circumstances in my life. If I can make it so can you. You just need to discover the dynamics needed to take your life to the next level. My goal is to help you do the same. This is why I hold seminars, write books, and hold workshops helping individuals take their lives and businesses to the next level. I will be holding a free seminar giving you the blueprint needed to take your life, your businesses, and your career to the next level on April 5th at the Holiday Inn Metro Airport in Romulus MI from 10:00 am -12:00 pm. This is a way that I fulfill the calling and purpose God has placed on my life by helping others do the same. This seminar is free and you can sign up @[www.discoveryourdynamics.com](http://www.discoveryourdynamics.com).

Words to Live By: When you

strategize what you visualize then you will see your dreams materialize.

Who/What inspired you. My biggest inspiration is my grandparents Donald and Thelma Smith and my parents Paul Adams and Keirsten Smith.

How? My grandparents took the assignment of raising me at a young age because of all the hardships my parents faced. My grandmother instilled in me a tremendous work ethic, and my grandmother instilled a sense of belief in myself and in Jesus Christ. My parents showed me how to be resilient and bounce back through your most difficult times. My parents both were on drugs for most of my childhood and teenage years, but they showed me how to develop the never give up attitude that helped them get sober today. To this very day my parents and my grandparents keep my fire burning to keep pushing, and stretching myself to be the best I can be. They have shown me how faith, hard work, resilience, and love can catapult your life to the next level.

Names of people from the community that you grew up with? Growing up the "crew" I like to say I grew up with through middle school and high school was Chester Taylor who has excelled in his career as professional football player. Ed Miller who has his own videography business. List your college, community affiliations and groups you are involved in. I have a bachelor's degree in Business Management and Business Marketing from Northwood University and I'm also a member of the Southeastern Entrepreneurs Michigan Association, and the National Speakers Association. Where are you currently living and who are your family members. I am currently residing in the Metropolitan Detroit area and some of my family members are my grandparents Donald Smith who is deceased, Thelma Smith, and my parents are Paul Adams and Keristen



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**RELENTLESS:** Lance Gross plays rookie Secret Service Agent Marcus Finely who won't quit until the job is done in the new NBC drama "Crisis" Courtesy Photo

"When written in Chinese, the word 'crisis' is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other represents opportunity." —John F. Kennedy

Premiering Sunday, March 16 NBC's new original drama "Crisis" starring Lance Gross brings on the danger and the opportunity. A familiar genre, this crime-thriller combines

espionage, suspense, and action, drawing comparisons to shows such as "24" and "Homeland."

Actress Rachael Taylor, who stars opposite Gross in the drama, says there are some differences that set "CRISIS" apart.

"I do think 'Crisis' has its own peculiar irregularities...there is a strong sentimental aspect...[There is an] emotionally moving component to our show that sets us apart," explained Taylor.

Gross, who plays rookie Secret Service agent Marcus Finely in the series, says this is his favorite roll to date. In the past, we've seen Gross cast as the romantic lead (Temptation, Our Family Wedding) or in a comedic roles on a sitcoms (House of Payne). This is his first role in an action thriller, new territory he is excited to explore.

"This is something I've been wanting to sink my teeth into for a very long time," confessed Gross. "I've always been into action and drama and suspense – all that this show is. It was definitely different, but I have an athletic background," said the actor. "I'm a man's man," Gross explained "so this is the kind of stuff we like. The transition [from romantic comedy] was a fun one, it had challenges along the way, but I think I tackled them."

"Crisis" which centers around the premise of kidnap, takes viewers on a journey into the workings of a criminal organization. When the students of an elite private D.C. high school are ambushed and taken hostage from a field trip the entire nation takes notice. The plot thickens when we find out the parents of the kidnapped students are some of the country's biggest power players, including the President and First Lady. The show makes for solid entertainment, taking viewers on an emotional thrill ride.

"It's super exciting for me," said Gross when asked how he felt about shooting the high drama suspense-filled show.

"I talked to anyone I could that was a retired secret service agent...that was the fun stuff, training for this role," revealed Gross who said he went through gun training to prepare.

For fans of crime-dramas "Crisis" delivers an hour of solid entertainment. For fans of Lance Gross, the show gives a chance to see the actor portray a different character than usual, one he explained his connection with, to The Sentinel,

"I myself I feel like I'm a protector naturally, so taking on this role I was so excited about it... this is the type of role that's going to keep me intrigued for years and hopefully, God willing, this show will be on for years."

## ASK AYANA

### Old Flame; New Expectations



**Dear Ayana,**

I am a 38-year-old single woman. I recently reconnected with a man from my past. Back then, we were casual and dated off and on for about 5 years before he moved out of state. When we met for lunch a few months ago, after he returned back home for a job, the spark was immediately reignited and it was as if no time had passed at all. We spend a lot of our free time together and really enjoy one another's company. The problem is that I believe he still thinks of this as a casual relationship. On the days that we aren't together, I have to reach out to him to see what he's been up to or I may not hear from him at all that day. I'm just not sure that he gets that I want something more serious than what we had in the past. I believe he thinks I'm that same 20-something year old that he knew a decade ago. How can I get him to see that I'm not the same person? I'm mature and want a mature relationship.

**Changed**

**Dear Changed,**

Why don't you have a conversation with this man and tell him what you are looking for? This is what we women tend to do; we live out a scenario in our own minds without communicating any of our desires to the other party, then we get frustrated when we don't get what we haven't asked for. The best thing that you can do for yourself before investing any more time into this relationship, is to be honest about what it is you are expecting from him. If you want more than a casual relationship, you should verbalize those feelings. Don't do all of the same things that you did 10 years ago and expect a different result. Laying it all out on the table may be a little scary; but what may be scarier still, is living out a fantasy romance that may be completely one-sided. Swallow your pride, your fears and/or whatever else may be holding you hostage and say the things that need to be said. You may be surprised to find out that your blast from the past wants the same things out of this relationship that you want. If not, you can decide if dating casually is acceptable to you and move on from there. Saying what you want is freeing! Be clear about what you want and unwilling to compromise. He'll soon see that you're a much better version of who you were back then. Good luck to you.

**Ayana**

**Ayana wants to hear from you.**

Send in your story or questions to Ask Ayana at: [telegram@telegramnews.net](mailto:telegram@telegramnews.net)

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## Gun Violence

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A law mandating universal background checks on all gun sales enjoys nearly unanimous support (92 percent) among with 18-29 year-olds.

According to the CAP report, 60 percent of people under the age of 30 were concerned that gun violence would affect them “personally or their communities in the future.” For people of color under 30 years old, that concern jumped to 73 percent.

“A vast majority of Americans support this idea: that every gun sale should have a background check,” said Chelsea Parsons, associate director of Crime and Firearms Policy at the Center for American Progress. “Without that, it’s meaningless to say that certain categories of people can’t buy guns.”

“Criminals don’t care about the law,” said Franklin “They buy their guns illegally. They pay twice or triple what the gun is worth, because they have the money, because they are selling dope. These laws that we’re passing are only going to affect law-abiding citizens.”



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