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Runners getting ready for Downriver Dash



The Guidance Center will be hosting its fourth annual Downriver Dash 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Wayne County Community College District – Downriver Campus in Taylor. The Dash is held annually as a way to encourage friends and families Downriver to get up and moving, and proceeds from this race will support The Guidance Center's programs aimed at helping children and

families live happier, healthier lives. A DJ will be playing tunes to get runners and walkers pumped before the 5K begins at 9:30 a.m., massages will be provided by Advanced Holistic Health, and vendor tables will be available for guests to peruse. An awards ceremony will follow the race, and

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Detroit pension deal approved by one retirement system



Detroit's emergency manager Kevyn Orr gestures as he speaks that there is one deal

(Reuters) - Detroit reached its Momentum for the city's plan to first deal with a retired workers group on Tuesday over pension and healthcare benefits and was close to a deal funds, giving a major boost to the city's plan to exit bankruptcy in October.

adjust its \$18 billion debt burden was building after Detroit last week won court approval for a crucial settlement over with at least one of its pension interest rate swaps and reached an agreement with bond insurance companies over the treatment of voterapproved general obligation

bonds.

Under the deal with the **Retired Detroit Police and Fire** Fighters Association announced by U.S. Bankruptcy Court mediators on Tuesday, pensions for retired police and fire workers would not be decreased, but cost-of-living increases would be cut in half. A separate voluntary employee beneficiary association plan or VEBA will be established for retiree healthcare, according to a court statement.

Detroit's state-appointed emergency manager, Kevyn Orr, hailed the deal as "another significant step forward," and encouraged other city creditors to resolve their differences with the city.

"We are securing support for the plan of adjustment - the time to resolve our differences

Bankruptcy Dealpage 16A

Candidate filing deadline is April 22

Those seeking nomination at August primary must file on time



Detroit's says 'Let's sale these homes'



but currently vacant homes and it has a simple message: Neighbors Wanted.

in them again," Mayor Duggan said. "There are a lot of people who would love to move into many of our neighborhoods. Knowing that other people are going to be buying and fixing up the other vacant homes at the same time will make it a lot easier for them to make that commitment."

LANSING, Mich. - Secretary of State Ruth Johnson reminds candidates for federal, state and local offices that 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 22 is the filing deadline to qualify

for the Aug. 5 primary ballot.

"Our democracy depends on those who get involved and

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•Auctions begin May 5th with 14 homes; bidders can register today

The City of Detroit is rolling out the welcome mat for people who want to restore and live in some of Detroit's great

Today, Mayor Mike Duggan, Council President Brenda Jones and Detroit Land Bank Authority Chairwoman Erica Ward Gerson unveiled a new auction website, where prospective buyers bid on vacant city owned homes. Starting Monday, May 5th, one home per day (M-F) will be auctioned on the new land bank site. Fifteen houses are now on the website for sale. The first 12 homes are in the East English Village neighborhood.

"We are moving aggressively to take these abandoned homes and get families living

Council President Brenda Jones said she is thrilled to see so much positive momentum and cooperation toward restoring the city's neighborhoods and that this time, Detroit's turnaround is real.

"People have walked away from great homes in their neighborhood because they thought their block had no future. Well, they left too soon,"

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* Educating * Empowering Informing Uplifting *

50 Years Later, Voting Rights Still Threatened

By Donna Brazile, DNC Vice Chair of Voter Registration and Participation



Nearly 50 years ago, President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act, to outlaw discrimination based on race, religion, gender, and more. The law strengthened voting rights and pushed for an end to racial segregation in schools, at the workplace, and in public places. The law passed with bipartisan support -- in fact, Republicans helped lead the charge and break the filibuster.

Unfortunately, today's GOP retreats headlong from the battle towards greater equality. In fact, many Republican are trying to sabotage or undermine crucial protections in the Civil Rights Act.

One of the critical goals of the Civil Rights Act was "to enforce the constitutional right to vote." But instead of ensuring this right, today's Republican Party wants to make it more difficult for people to cast their ballots.

Republicans are engaged in an aggressive and sustained campaign to make voting harder for millions of Americans. Across the country, Republican controlled legislatures enact laws that put barriers between voters and the ballot box. Apparently, Republicans have decided that if voters reject their ideas at the polls, they'll just rig the system by decreasing participation and making it more difficult to cast a ballot.

In Texas, Alabama, Arizona, and Kansas, they have passed strict photo identification and proof of citizenship laws. The result: voters who change their name because they get married or can't provide an original birth certificate find it more difficult to have their vote counted.

In Wisconsin, Ohio, and North Carolina, the GOP is restricting early voting periods.

And in Minnesota, Republicans are trying to sue the Secretary of State to stop that state from implementing online voter registration.

Voting restrictions like these impact all Americans, but they disproportionately hurt African Americans, Latinos, working people, seniors, young people, and women – the very groups the Civil Rights Act has been helping for fifty years.

Meanwhile, Democrats are committed to our mission of ensuring that every eligible voter can register, that every registered voter can vote, and that every vote is accurately counted. Because we know that our nation has never moved forward with less participation. So as we mark 50 years since the Civil Rights Act became the law of the land, it is more important than ever that we recommit ourselves to protecting and expanding the franchise for ALL Americans.

And it's not just on voting rights that the GOP is standing on the wrong side of progress:

Republicans made clear this

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work to improve their communities by serving in public office," said Johnson, Michigan's chief elections officer. "For those who have not yet filed for office but are considering it, I encourage you to do so quickly, as time is running short."

Legislation was approved in 2012 that moved the filing deadline for this year's election cycle up, three weeks earlier than in past years. The April 22 deadline applies to partisan candidates for governor; U.S. Senate; U.S. House; state House and Senate; select county offices and judicial candidates. It does not include writeins, or candidates without a political party affiliation, who file under different time frames. Candidates have until 4 p.m. on April 25 to withdraw their names.

Precinct delegate candidates have until 4 p.m. on May 6 to file. Previously, precinct delegates filed with their local city or township clerk. A law change also went into effect this year that now requires these delegate candidates to file with their county clerk.

Candidates for the county offices that will be filled this year and probate court judge candidates file with the county clerk. Clerk contact information can be found online at the Michigan Voter Information Center at

www.michigan.gov/vote.

Candidates for the state Senate, state House of Representatives or the U.S. House of Representatives, whose district is wholly contained in one county, file with the county clerk. Candidates for governor, U.S. Senate, judicial candidates except probate court judge and those state Senate, state House and U.S. House candidates whose districts fall in more than one county file at the Bureau στ Elections Lansing.

NEWS FROM LANSING

Representative Geiss Secures Funding For Districts That Absorbed Inkster Schools

Taylor and Romulus Schools Receive Additional Supplemental Funding



LANSING – State Representative Douglas A. Geiss (D-Taylor) today applauded Governor Rick Snyder for signing in to law a supplemental school aid appropriations bill that includes funding to assist the Taylor and Romulus Schools with hardships incurred subsequent to the dissolution of the Inkster School District.

The bill, House Bill 4295—now Public Act (PA) 116 of 2014 was signed early last week by the Governor and officially became law when it was filed with the Secretary of State on Friday. The State of Michigan dissolved the Inkster school district last year, sending its students to four surrounding school districts: Taylor, Romulus, Wayne-Westland and Westwood.

In addition to students, Wayne-Westland, Romulus and Taylor schools received buildings formerly owned by the Inkster School District, many of which were in states of severe disrepair. According to Geiss, one Inkster building received by the Taylor schools had a tree growing out of its roof.

"The Taylor and Romulus School Districts openly welcomed the new students they received from Inkster and have gone above and beyond in efforts to make these students feel comfortable in their new places of education," said Geiss, "however, the acquisition of vacant buildings in severe disrepair from Inkster placed an unreasonable and undeserved financial burden upon surrounding districts. Costs associated with the receipt of buildings such as these must never be allowed to divert funds away from a school district's primary mission of educating students."

Geiss had repeatedly shared the plight of his local school districts with his colleagues in Lansing since the Inkster schools were dissolved in July of last year, seeking to mitigate any negative effects experienced by students, parents, and surrounding communities during the transition.

The current supplemental appropriation includes roughly \$1M each for the Taylor and Romulus School Districts, as well as \$500K for the Wayne-Westland School District "Since last summer I have worked to help my colleagues in both parties to understand the situation in Taylor and Romulus after the Inkster Schools' dissolution, and most all agreed that neighboring communities should not be left holding the bill if a school district is dissolved.

I am pleased that we were able to work together and find a solution that will help the schools in my community recoup the unforeseen maintenance costs they have incurred. This appropriation guarantees that students from Taylor, Romulus, and Inkster will be able to focus on their educations without shouldering an additional financial burden for which they are not responsible."

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Child Watch Improving the Odds for America's Children

By Marian Wright Edelman - NNPA Columnist



We see repeated efforts in Congress in recent years to take resources away from poor and middle-class children and families, like food stamps and tax credits and education funding and access to affordable health care, and give even more to the wealthy and powerful. Bipartisanship has taken a severe beating in recent years, as has the willingness of Congress to enact or support policies driven by evidencebased research that help children and families and our country as a whole."

-Congressman George Miller, Foreword, Improving the Odds for America's Children

More than 40 years ago, the earliest planning for what would become the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) took place at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. CDF began in 1973 in a Harvard University-owned clapboard house. Our beginning was bolstered by a two-volume publication of the Harvard Educational Review in 1973 and 1974 among whose top editors were CDF staff, many of them graduates of or students at Harvard's education and law schools. Another young staff attorney, Hillary Rodham, in her first job after law school, contributed an article on the "Rights of Children."

At the same time, CDF staff knocked on doors to look for children out of school in Massachusetts and all across America. A local group, Massachusetts Advocacy, had issued a report on Children Out of School in Boston and we wondered whether this was a statewide or national problem. After knocking on many thousands of doors in census tracts across our country, CDF documented it was a national problem with at least 2 million children out of school, including 750,000 the census said were between 7-13 years old but did not tell us who they were. We found many were children with disabilities. Other children were pushed out by discipline policies, language, and the inability to afford school fees.

lication of School Suspensions: Are They Helping Children describing many of the practices we are still combating today with school discipline policies that suspend children for a wide range of nonviolent offenses include truancy and subjective offenses like disruptive behavior.

After 40 years we are now blessed with a new indispensable evidence-based book from Harvard Education Press— Improving the Odds for America's Children: Future Directions in Policy and Practice. Kathleen McCartney, President of Smith College and former Dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, was the driving force behind this volume that she coedited with Hirokazu Yoshikawa and Laurie B. Forcier.

Each chapter suggests a prominent pathway for moving forward to level the playing field and improve the odds for children. The volume starts with prenatal and infant health and development, emphasizing parent and caregiver support in a child's earliest years, moves through the school years and adolescence, and addresses the special needs of the most vulnerable youth involved with the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

Common threads essential to sound policy and practice emerge quickly, including the impact of poverty and inequality on children's well-being. Unifying refrains include the need to bring multiple supports together to seek change for children and families; the need for more intensive supports for children and parents with special health and mental health needs; recognition of the harm done to children by withholding help to children and adults who are not citizens nor legally present in the U.S.; and the call to pay attention to the well-being of parents and caregivers and all those who care for children. The book reinforces the importance of never giving up on a child.

This second decade of the twenty-first century is a crucial one for the children's movement and the nation's future, as poverty and child poverty have resurged in a prolonged recession and jobless "recovery" and with wealth and income inequality at near record levels and achievement gaps among children who are poor and of color unacceptably wide. Our children are in trouble and our nation is in trouble, and we must reset our moral and economic compasses. CDF has been sounding the siren with urgency and persistence over four decades and will not stop until it is heard.

Not all gambling in Nevada is done in Las Vegas

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



We have all been watching on the news about rancher Mr. Bundy and the U.S. Government.

I always love it when the little guy wins, at least for now.

I don't know who is right or wrong in this, but what I do know is the government took Mr. Bundy's cattle and this all started over twenty years ago to protect the desert tortoise.

The desert tortoise used to be on the endangered species list, but came back. So much so that from what I understand the government wants to kill some off.

The Buruea of Land Management (BLM) took over the disputed land.

The BLM charged ranchers to graze the lands, the ranchers paid fees to graze the lands and sometime in 1993 stopped paying because he said the lands were his family's.

Now it all comes to a head! Ranchers against federal agents, Davids against Goliiths and David wins.

Who says you can't wins in Vegas?

I'll beat 7-black.



National Action Network Honors AHF's Michael Weinstein with 'Keepers of the Dream' Award



- Awards, which are given each year in April to mark the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s death, "...honor those who have continued to advocate for the principles for which Dr. King gave his life." Weinstein, President of AIDS Healthcare Foundation, was honored for his HIV/AIDS work; for launching the 'AIDS is a Civil Right Issue' national awareness and advocacy campaign which addresses the fact that African Americans continue to be disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS; and for spearheading 'Keep the Promise on AIDS' marches and rallies in Washington, New York, Atlanta and Cleveland. -

NEW YORK--The National Action Network (NAN), the influential nonprofit civil rights group founded by Reverend AI Sharpton in 1991, honored AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) President Michael Weinstein with one of its 'Keepers of the Dream' Awards at a gala ceremony Wednesday night during the group's 16th annual convention in New York City. According the NAN, the awards, which are given each year in April to mark the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s death, "...honor those who have continued to advocate for the principles for which Dr. King gave his life. The Keepers of the Dream awards are given by members of the civil rights community who have committed themselves to fairness and racial harmony."

Weinstein, President of AIDS

Michael Weinstein. "Sadlv. AIDS today has a disproportionate-and devastatingimpact on both the African American and Latino communities. AIDS Healthcare Foundation, working together with partners like Reverend Sharpton as well as churches, non-profits and community groups around the nation are striving to open a frank dialogue within the community to address these health disparities through forums including our 'AIDS Is A Civil Right Issue' events. The campaign and these town hall discussions also emphasize the fact that access to HIV prevention, care and treatment for HIV/AIDS should be universal. While deeply honored by this award, we still have much work to do in this fight. We must also remember and commend the work of those like Dr. King, who came before us and helped pave the way for such awareness campaigns to be possible."

AHF launched its 'AIDS is a Civil Rights Issue' national awareness campaign on Martin Luther King Day, and it was supported by events throughout February in Jackson, Mississippi; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Dallas and Los Angeles - all of which featured Sharpton as the keynote speaker - that reached out through community partners and religious institutions to raise awareness within each city's African-American community. AHF expanded the reach and imagery of the campaign's billboard component-which initially teatured artwork consisting of a stylized, artistic rendering of civil rights icon Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. with the headline, 'AIDS is a Civil Rights Issue'-by posting similar artwork featuring Cesar Chavez with the tagline, 'SIDA, Cuestíon de Derechos Humanos' in Miami and Los Angeles in March.

Children Out of School in America became our first report in 1974. We followed it up by organizing with parents at the local level and collaborating with national organizations concerned with children with mental, physical, and emotional disabilities and many others to help push Congress to enact 94-142 - now the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act which for the first time gave children with disabilities the right to a free, appropriate public education. CDF's first report led to pub-

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

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Healthcare Foundation, the largest global AIDS organization, was honored for his HIV/AIDS work; for launching the 'AIDS is a Civil Right Issue' awareness and advocacy campaign which addresses the fact that African Americans continue to be disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS; and for spearheading 'Keep the Promise on AIDS' marches and rallies in Washington, New York, Atlanta and Cleveland. Rev. Dr. W. Richardson, Franklyn Chairman, National Action Network and Reverend Sharpton presented the award.

"I am humbled to be considered a 'Keeper of the Dream' and honored by this recognition by the National Action Network and the community," said Sharpton founded the nonprofit civil rights group National Action Network in New York City in 1991. This year's fourday convention will feature discussions on elections, gun violence, immigration, women's rights, and the annual "Keepers of the Dream" reception, which spotlights modern-day civil rights efforts that align with and support hopes Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. expressed in his iconic

Easter People

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



Sometimes we take a hit or a fall. Even though we know we're blessed, some days we feel down in the dumps and so much seems to be going wrong. When someone you care about exits your life, for whatever reason, God seems to send someone else to fill the void. We aren't always aware of it though. He has a way of getting us what we need. He is creative in finding ways to get messages of comfort to us to remind us that trouble doesn't last always. He is also good about sending someone who will listen so that we can dump the concerns that can make our hearts heavy.

I was feeling broken hearted one day. I didn't want to both-

going to suck it up and smile. "On to the next..." I'm thinking. Life goes on and so must I. No time to cry. Big girls aren't supposed to anyway, right? Then out of the blue, I got a phone call from someone I had not heard from in ages. It was odd and there were awkward moments of silence. I'm thinking, "What does she really want? I'm busy!"

I reluctantly shared some things going on in my life and so did she. We discovered that we were both grieving losses. Grief can be fierce. It is heartbreaking. After unloading my burdens, I felt so much better. I even shed a couple of tears. This had to be a God thing. I'm glad I didn't brush her off like I started to. I would have missed my blessing. Our conversation ended with her saying this, "We are Easter people."

Easter people? Absolutely! We rise! We celebrate Easter because a dead Jesus got up and walked out of His tomb! He was thought to be down and out for the count. But He got up! So we, the Easter people, may appear to be down and out for the count. We may be going through some things



good. It might even look like there is no way out of our situation. But give us some time and we shall rise again, just like our Lord and Savior did! Like my friend Mike said, "Out of no where, God is going to bless you!" Hold on!

When Jesus got up, it meant victory for us ALL! As we celebrate Easter, to commemorate this wondrous occasion, remember who you are. You are an Easter person! You will rise! God bless you.



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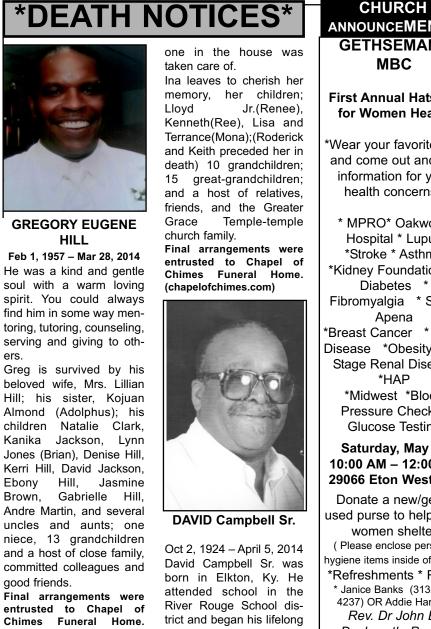
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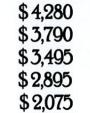
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week that they do not support legislation that would move us closer to equal pay for equal work and address the persistent discrimination that millions of American women experience in the workplace.

On rights for LGBT Americans, the GOP blocked the **Employment Non-Discrimination** Act and in many states authored legislation to enshrine discrimination in the legal code.

Republicans want to repeal the Affordable Care Act and take us back to the days where insurance companies could deny coverage to those with preexisting conditions, or even for just being a woman.

The GOP continues to oppose and obstruct efforts to raise the minimum wage and ensure folks who work full time don't remain in poverty.

Republicans refuse to act on immigration reform, dividing families and leaving millions of people stuck in a broken system.

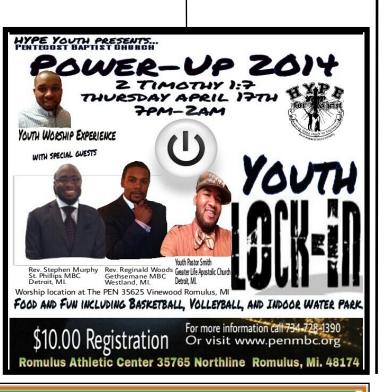
When it comes to civil rights. progress, equality, and Republicans are not only on the wrong side of the issues, their positions stand in stark contrast to the views of the American people. As Democrats, we will keep fighting to move our country forward, and work to get even closer to the ideals embodied in the Civil Rights Act over the next 50 years.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Waterfall Missionary **Baptist Church**

Inspirational & Youth Choir Presents The Living Waters Program Sunday April 27th, 2014 4:00pm. 12040 Visger Rd. Detroit, MI 48217 (313) 382-0900 Chairpersons Sister Priscilla J. Cook and Sister Madeline Smith Rev. Thirl E. Hudson, Pastor **Romulus Ministerial** Alliance host their **Annual Good Friday** March and Service

Community members are invited to participate in an enactment of Jesus's processional. Persons are asked to gather at the **Romulus Historical Park** and proceed to Romulus Welleslyn Church. The walk begins at 11:30am and the service will follow immediately after.





WEEK OF APRIL 17 - APRIL 23, 2014

Reining in Prom Expenses

By Jason Alderman - Contributing Writer



If you've got teenagers, you already know how expensive high school can be. Besides food, clothing and school supplies, a whole host of extracurricular activities are competing for a share of your wallet even as you frantically try to save for college and your own retirement.

One of the biggest expenses you'll encounter is prom. Gone are the days of borrowing dad's suit and crepe paper streamers in the school gym: Today's proms are often more like a Hollywood premiere with limousines, designer gowns and swanky after-parties.

I'm not kidding. According to a recent nationwide survey conducted by Visa Inc., the average U.S. family with a high school student attending the prom expects to spend \$978 this year. Surprisingly, that's down 14 percent from last year's survey average of \$1,139 per family.

A few other interesting statistics the survey uncovered:

*On average, parents plan to pay for about 56 percent of prom costs, with their kids picking up the remaining 44 percent.

*Parents in lower income brackets (less than \$50,000 a year) plan to spend an average of \$733 - a considerable share of the family budget. Thankfully, that's down significantly from last year's \$1,245 estimate.

*Those earning over \$50,000 will spend an average of \$1,151.

Here's a breakdown of how those prom dollars typically aet spent:

*New prom dresses often cost \$100 to \$500 or more.

*Plan on spending another cou-

tions, spending on prom can easily spiral out of control, especially if your teenager isn't used to sticking to a budget. Use this as a learning experience by getting your kid involved making tough decisions, helping to prioritize expenses from vital to nonessential.

To help with the prom budgeting process, Visa launched a free smartphone app last year called Plan'it Prom. You simply enter your budgeted amounts for each item and then track actual spending on your phone or tablet as you shop. The app also includes budgeting tips, a photo gallery and a timeline for tracking pre-prom deadlines. Plan'it Prom is available at the iTunes store, the Google Play store and from www.practicalmoneyskills.com/p rom.

Here are a few prom cost-saving ideas:

*Shop for formal wear at consignment stores or online. As with tuxedos, many outlets rent formal dresses and accessories for one-time use.

*Have make-up done at a department store's cosmetics department or find a talented friend to help out.

Split the cost of a limo with other couples, or drive yourselves.

*Team up with other parents to host a pre-prom dinner buffet or after-party.

*Take pre-prom photos yourself and have the kids use their cellphones or digital cameras for candid shots at various events.

Bottom line: You want to ensure your child has a memorable high school experience, but not at the expense of your overall budget.

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ple hundred for shoes, accessories, flowers and professionally styled hair, nails and makeup.

*New tuxedos cost several hundred dollars, not to mention the formal shirt, tie, studs and shoes you'll need. Even renting all this will likely run over \$150. *Figure at least \$80 an hour plus tip to rent a limousine for a minimum of four to six hours. *Prom tickets typically cost \$50 to \$150 per person, depending on venue, entertainment, meals, etc. And don't forget about commemorative photos. *The couple will probably need at least \$50 for a nice pre-prom meal.

*After-parties can run anywhere from a few bucks at the bowling alley to hundreds of dollars for group hotel suites.

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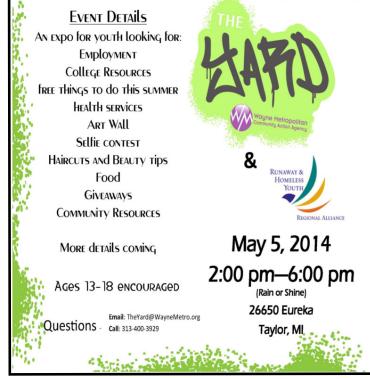
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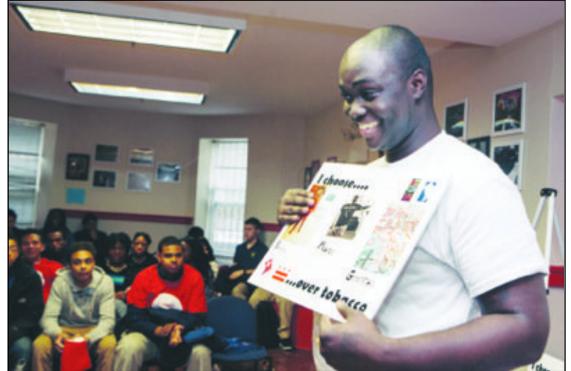
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Youth Rally Against Tobacco Industry

by Sam P.K. Collins - Special to the NNPA from The Washington Informer



Joseph Yusef, 18, explains why music provides an escape from negative influences during a gathering at the Latin American Youth Center in Northwest on March 19. (Courtesy of Lexey Swall) Hundreds of smokers in the District succumb to tobaccorelated illnesses every year and accumulate millions in health care costs. A greater awareness about the adverse effects of smoking among young people hasn't stopped tobacco companies from aggressively marketing its products to urban youth in recent years.

That's why a group of local teenagers and young adults rallied against tobacco companies during a gathering last month at the Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) in Northwest. The hour-long rally, hosted by the Ward 1 & 2 D.C. Prevention Center counted among 1,400 events that took place across the country as part of Kick Butts Day, a national day of protest against the tobacco industry.

"Children all over the country always talk about how tired they are of the tobacco industry's manipulation," said Catherine Butsch, 26, communications manager at the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, a Northwest-based advocacy group that also organized the March 19 rally. "This is a chance for children to talk to other children about tobacco use. Youth smoking is a big problem in this country and tobacco companies still market to children in convenience stores and magazines "

tobacco like hookah and Black-and-Mild cigars, have steadily replaced traditional cigarettes as the products of choice. One out of three high school students also admitted using different forms of tobacco concurrently within the last month.

More than 5 million young people across the country, including 7,000 teenagers in the District, are expected to die prematurely from tobacco use, a reality that Dania Ramos, who started smoking as a youngster, said compelled her to kick the habit last year. She counted among 80 teenagers and young adults that displayed artwork, presented information about the adverse effects of smoking, and talked about what hobbies or interests help them maintain a tobacco-free lifestyle.

"I see a lot of tobacco and marijuana use in my community and it concerns me," said Dania, 17. "My curiosity lured me into that lifestyle at the age of 13. My friends supported me in my decision to quit and understood that it was something that I needed to do. It was hard to ignore the cravings at first but over time I broke the habit. These days, I feel much better," said Dania, a Northwest resident.

"Reading helps me go to another world," said Bryonna, 16, a junior at Bell Multicultural High School in Northwest. "There are always a lot of people smoking and that makes you want to try it. I almost fell into the trap but decided to say no. Smoking is a filthy and boring habit. Reading is much better," said Bryonna, a two-year member of LAYC who lives in Southeast.

Budding musician and producer Joseph Yusuf recited a poem named "One Day" which expressed his hope that he would be able to eventually provide a comfortable **Tobacco page 11A**



Dash

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awards will be given for the top men and women in the following age groups: 10 & under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+.

The Dash also features the Tot Trot, a free ½ mile race for children 10 and under, as well as many activities, games, popcorn, and face painting. The Southgate YMCA will be on hand with children's basic fitness activities including hula-hoops, jump ropes, and children's strength training with bands and balls. The Tot Trot begins at 9 a.m., immediately before the 5K event, and fun activities will be offered all through the morning. All participants in the Tot Trot will receive a finisher's medal. Families are encouraged after the Tot Trot to head over to the Southgate YMCA right down the road for the Healthy Kids' Day from 12-3 p.m., for more games, activities, and a special drawing for a year's membership to the Y's Splash Park for all kids who present their Tot Trot medals.

To register for the 5K visit w w w . g u i d a n c e center.org/events/dash or call 734-785-7705 x7235. No registration is necessary for the Tot Trot.

Get in Shape for the Downriver Dash



A recent report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that more than 3,200 youth across the United States under the age of 18 experiment with tobacco products every day. Even though cigarette use has declined among young people in recent years, other forms of

MDOT, City of Westland Partner to Reconstruct

High-Crash Rate Newburgh/Cherry Hill Intersection



Westland - One of Westland's historically troubled motorist spots will undergo road construction and traffic signal work starting in July. Cherry Hill Road, west of Newburgh has come in top 10 for high crash intersections in the state.

On Monday, November 4th the Westland City Council approved a contract between the City of Westland and the Michigan Department of Transportation for road reconstruction and traffic signal work. Capital for this project will come from federal funding, the City of Westland and Wayne County.

According to a crash analysis of the site, with data obtained from the Traffic Improvement Association (TIA), there have been 113 crashes in 36 months at the intersection, making the critical crash rate double that of crashes in the state of Michigan.

"The safety of our citizens and visitors has always been a top priority for my Administration. When I hear that there have been 27 crashes in 2013, and 40 in 2012 at this location alone. I know that we need to come up with a solution immediately," said Mayor Wild.

Construction on the intersection is slated to start in early July of 2014, and is expected to be completed by mid-October, 2014. Private utility relocation will begin before the road project, starting this spring.

"The partnership with MDOT has given us the opportunity to address this problem with an emphasis on best practices for drivers safety, while allowing us to move forward without delay," added the Mayor. "The new design will improve traffic flow and make

the intersection safer."

The upcoming project will not only consist of the reconstruction of the intersection of Cherry Hill and Newburgh Road, but the west side of Cherry Hill will also be widened from four to five lanes, and there will be an area at the west end of the project which transitions the road from the newly built fivelane road to the existing twolane road. Other features of the project include, a new traffic signal installation at the intersection, drainage improvements and sidewalk enhancements.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,163,000. The State, through federal funding, has approved to pay 81.85% of the total costs of construction, or \$952,000. The City and Wayne County have agreed to split the remaining \$211,000 of the project, with a total cost to the City at \$105,500. The project was bid in November, 2013 with Florence Cement Company performing the work.

There is also a separate project on Newburgh Road from Palmer to Cherry Hill that is scheduled to commence next month (May of 2014) and should be completed by early July of 2014. The two projects are being coordinated to provide the least impact on traffic and motorists

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Gonzalez is the son of Lucy

Houston is the daughter of San Antonio-Lackland, San combat, chemical warfare, field Dawn Houston of Wayne and training and tactical exercises, Don Houston of Whitmore Lake

> She is a 2012 graduate of School.

Homes for Sale

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Jones said. "It is a new day in Detroit and we have a Mayor and City Council that are working closely together to bring positive change for our residents."

The East English Village Association has embraced the new auction approach and has partnered with the city in promoting it. On April 27th, the association will host an Open House for potential bidders who want to be able to look inside the homes before the auction, said EEV association president Bill Barlage.

"East English Village is eager to continue our partnership with Mayor Duggan, his office and the Detroit Land Bank with regard to the next chapter in our quest for renovation of solid architectural gems," said Barlage. "We are excited to partner again to produce another successful home tour showcasing a diverse, friendly and safe neighborhood."

How the Auction will work People visiting www.buildingdetroit.org<http://www.buildingdetroit.org/> will be able to view the homes that are up for auction and to register in advance to be able to bid. Michigan residents or companies without a history of building code violations and or tax foreclosures are eligible to bid.

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She is a 2013 graduate of Lincoln Park High School.

Justin N. Gonzalez has graduated from Basic Combat ness, and basic warfare princi-Training at Fort Leonard ples and skills. Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

cal fitness, and basic warfare Gonzalez of Dearborn and brother of Ricky Ruel of Airmen who complete basic Dearborn Heights.

He is a 2013 graduate of High School,

Air Force Airman Alannah Horton is the daughter of **R. Houston** graduated from Dujuana Smith of Lincoln basic military training at Joint Park and Halord Horton of Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military Army National Guard Pvt. discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fit-

Airmen who complete basic During the nine weeks of training earn four credits training, the soldier received toward an associate in applied science degree through the

Air Force Airman Dillon A. **Diangelo** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Diangelo is the son of Sheila Diangelo of Taylor and Tom Diangelo of Waterford.

He is a 2011 graduate of John f. Kennedy High School, Taylor.

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APRIL 17 - APRIL 23, 2014

Aries (Mar. 20--Apr. 19) :

You will be tap-dancing really fast to stay out of the fray. You know you don't want to get tangled in it, but others may be attempting to reel you in. You know clearly where boundaries should be drawn. The best of verbal warriors is concise and says what is needed, but no more.

Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19):

The sun returns "home" to your sign this week. You likely will find it to be energizing. Now is the time to focus on new plans for this next year of your life. Take a fresh look at where you want to direct your energy. Use this month to let go of past hurts and take a deep breath of healing energy.

Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) :

This looks like a week in which you really want to say your piece, but you have a sense that would be a bad idea. Agreed if you feel so upset that you can't present your case with compassion. But if you give attention to everyone's feelings and present it tactfully, you could accomplish an improvement

Cancer (June 21--Jul y 21) :

It is imperative that you stand in your personal truth during this spring. There are pulls and tugs all around you from powerful voices, demanding your service or attention. When you become fatigued, you must say no and retreat into your shell to recover. Many of you will be campaigning to right a travesty in your personal arenas.

Leo (July 22 -- Aug. 21):

Your general attention is shifting for the next month into the arena of your career and overall life direction. Whatever you have created thus far will be noticed and perhaps applauded. As a talented leader, you may attract an invitation to manage an upcoming project.

Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) :

You may be feeling irritable and a little nervous. You can't be sure whether someone significant in your life is really telling you the truth or treating you honestly. The probability is that there is some sort of deception present. Take good care of yourself.

Libra (Sep. 23--Oct. 22)

During this period you will likely find yourself in various time bind situations that demand your attention. If the pressure is too much your body may break down. Mars is retrograding in your sign. You may be harboring a secret that adds to the stress level of everyday life.

Scorpio (Oct. 23--Nov. 21) :

It is possible that you feel trapped in a situation with no place to go. Keep your nose clean and your mouth shut. You are in a setup that could create explosive circumstances. Do not take the role of the critic, lest you lose something precious. In time you will break free, but you cannot force it now.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 -- Dec. 20): You have the desire to become the best you can be. You want wisdom, respect, and the good for everyone in your life. However, something drags you backward and hangs upon you like a leaden sack. It is some-

thing you would rather not admit that keeps you in an uncomfortable place. For some it could be financial, for others fear of controversy.

Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) : You are prone to overreact to anything that is in your way. Make an effort to stop and really think about it before indicting anyone. Search for compromising point of view that is strong enough to contain both you and your opponent's belief systems. Together you could create something much better than you can apart.

Aquarius (Jan. 20--Feb. 17) : This is a great week for a getaway. Do something novel, even if you don't leave home. Your mind is open to whatever seems fresh and unique. A surprise may occur related to a room-



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mate, neighbor or a sibling. If you cannot get out of Dodge this week, then begin plans for a getaway in the near future.

Pisces (Feb. 18--Mar. 19) :

You may be feeling vague and unclear about your financial picture this spring. It is possible that an unexpected expense has developed this month and you may be working at plugging that hole. Love and creative life feels good and it is healing an old wound.

How are you feeling? It's time to take care of yourself.

Detroit Pistons announced Changes

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer



Are the rumors true? Will Isaiah Thomas take over for Joe Dumars for the Pistons?

The Detroit Pistons announced today that Joe Dumars would step aside as President of Basketball Operations, effective immediately. The team has launched a search for a new head of basketball operations.

During the transition, Director of Basketball Operations Ken and Assistant Catanella General Manager George David will continue preparing for the upcoming NBA Draft and free agency signing period, reporting to ownership executives Phil Norment and Bob Wentworth. Mr. Norment said the organization has developed a preliminary list of candidates that includes "the best executives in the business," but he declined to place a specific timetable on selecting a replacement. Mr. Dumars will continue his relationship with the franchise as an advisor to the organization and its ownership team.

"It's time to turn the page on a wonderful chapter and begin writing a new one," Dumars said. "I've had the pleasure of working with some great people throughout the last 29 years as both a player and executive, and I'm proud of our accomplishments. Tom Gores and ownership is committed to winning and they will continue to move the franchise forward." "Joe Dumars is a great champion who has meant so much to this franchise and this community," said Pistons owner Tom Gores. "We are turning the page with great respect for what he has accomplished not only as a player and a front office executive, but as a person who has represented this team and the NBA with extraordinary dignity." Over the last 14 years as the club's top basketball executive, Dumars guided the organization to a 595-536 (.527) regular-season record, 73 playoff wins, six Eastern Conference Finals appearances (2003-08), six Central Division titles, two Conference Eastern Championships (2004, 2005), two NBA Finals appearances 2004 and the NBA Championship.

During an eight-year period from 2001-2009, the club won an NBA Championship (2004), compiled 423 regular-season victories, 73 playoff wins and made six consecutive trips to the Eastern Conference Finals (2003-2008), the most since the Los Angeles Lakers went to six straight from 1984 to 1989. In 2007-08, the club won 50-plus games for a franchise-record seventh consecutive season and won its sixth Central Division title in seven years. In 2005-06, Detroit recorded its best regular-season record in franchise history (64-18), and, in 2004-05, the club won its second consecutive Eastern Conference Championship and reached the NBA Finals in consecutive seasons for the first time since 1989 and 1990. Dumars' efforts did not go unnoticed as he was named NBA Executive of the Year in 2003 and NBA Executive of the Decade in 2009 by The Sporting News.

Drafted with the 18th selection in the first round of the 1985 NBA Draft, Dumars has spent 29 years with the Detroit Pistons organization, 14 years as a player (1985-1999) and 15 years as a member of the front office (1999-2014). Throughout that time, the franchise won three NBA Championships (1989, 1990, 2004), five Eastern Conference titles (1988, 1989, 1990, 2004, 2005), nine Central Division titles and reached the Eastern Conference Finals 11 times.

Results of the Crestwood Chargers Invitational

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

Dearborn High School were the Men team winners and Northville High School were the Women team winner at Dearborn the Heights Chargers Crestwood Invitational this Saturday past. In individual competitions Wyandotte Roosevelt's Darryl Couch wins the 100 meters run for the Men and for the Women Plymouth's Rven Draper took first place.

In the 200 meters Wyandotte Roosevelt's Darryl Couch wins for the Men and Chloe Abbott of Northville High School wins for the Women. The 400 meters was won by Tyler Cochran of Orchard Lake St Mary for the Men and Breanna Luba of Southgate Anderson win first place for the Women.

Danny May of Wyandotte Roosevelt wins the 800 meters run and Cassie Bloch of Warren Regina victorious for the Women in this event. In the 1600 meters Dan Sims for the Men and Rachel Coleman for the Women both from Northville High were winners in the run. Northville High Men (Conor Naughton) Women and (Cayla Eckenroth) also won the 3200-meter run as well. Fred Boyd of Dearborn Divine Child wins the 110m Hurdles and Morgan Robertson of Northville wins the women 100m hurdles.

Mike Carey from Bloomfield Hills wins the 300m Hurdles

and for the women Marissa Lesch from Warren Regina High is a winner. 4x100 relay Men winner are from Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice and the Women winners are from Dearborn Divine Child High. 4x200 relay winners Bloomfield Hills High for the men and for the women Northville High ran for first place in the event. In the 4x400 and the 4x800 winners for the men and the women are from Northville High.

In the Shot Put Bearooz Yacoobi of Dearborn High is a winner for the men and Rachel O'Neill of Dearborn Divine Child High School is the winner for the women.

Bearooz Yacoobi of Dearborn High was not finish as he is the winner in the Discus and Tionne Johnson of Plymouth High won the Discus for the women. Anthony Fitzgerald of Melvindale is the winner in the High Jump for the men and Tea Greca of Brownstown Woodhaven High School the winner in the High Jump for the women.

In the Pole Vault Matthew Dube of Wyandotte Roosevelt High the competitions winner and for the women Kayla Janevski of Plymouth High vaulted the higher. And finally Matthew Jordan of Brownstown Woodhaven is the winner in the Long Jump and for the women Kyla Mann of Dearborn High was victorious in the event.

Tobacco

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life for his family. The father of a one-year-old daughter said that his passion for music keeps his focus away from tobacco and drugs.

"When I'm making music, I'm in my zone," said Yusef, 18. "I'm not thinking about smoking tobacco, getting high or drinking. I just want people to have an opportunity to listen to my work. I never tried tobacco because I always knew about the dangers of smoking it. I don't want my daughter to see me smoking cigarettes. I want to be positive role model."

While Yusef, a member of LAYC since 2013, thought the event went well, he said that more local youth need to hear messages against tobacco from their contemporaries.

"We need more youth speaking so that everyone can understand," said Yusef. "If we heard from [more people our age] rather than adults, then I think that we would really get the picture."

The New Kemeny Multifunctional Recreational Facility update meeting



build family relationships, improve neighborhoods, and provide a safe place to play.

The new Kemeny Recreational

WHEN: April 22, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. WHERE: 2260 S. Fort Street (at Kemeny Recreation Center)

It's been a long time coming! Let's get started!

Recreation Centers are an important element in generating community pride, reducing

crime and improving the quality of life for its residents. When communities compare themselves to one another, they almost always evaluate their level of recreation facilities, crime, housing, employment, education and leisure program development. Recreation can lower health care cost, reduce crime, diminish gang violence, Facility will provide an attractive and functional atmosphere for family-focused recreational activities, including both athletic and multi-purpose needs. It will provide for a vast variety of activities, including community meetings and competitive athletic events, such as swimming, basketball, volleyball, etc.). Above all it will provide a location for family bonding and a recreational spot for adjoining community relations.

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April 2nd, 2014

At 1635hrs, officers were dispatched to Haltiner and Elizabeth on a report of a male beating a woman .April 11th, 2014 with a child. Upon arrival, the Ordinance officer was on scene and stated the male they began to pat him down, of "Marijuana" in his right pocket. The male was placed under arrest. The male told officers that incident began down th street when the two began arguing, He states him and the 17 year old female have a child in common and have been dating for four years. He states the argument began over a cell phone at the the female jumped in her vehifemale's father's house. The male states he became angry about their custody arrangeto take the baby from the her neck and choked her then observed bruising and red Domestic Violence and transported him to the police station. Upon arrival to RRPD the male told officers he had a bag of "cocktails" (Marijuana cigarettes)in the liner of his shorts. Officer's retrieved the bag with approximately 12 small "marijuana cigarettes" inside. He was also charged with VPHC.

April 4th, 2014

At 0921hrs, an officer was dispatched to the police sta-River Rouge Auto Repair

was gone. The vehicle was reported stolen and later impounded by Wayne State University Police, with no damage and no keys. The male went to the location to make arrangements to get his vehicle

At 2101hr, an officer went to a home in the 1st Block of Rockwood after receiving a call was at LeBlanc & Haltiner. from Ecorse PD about a Officer stopped the 18 year Felonious Assault that took old male to question and as place in our city. A 23 year old female stated she was walking officers discovered a package down Forest Street when an unknown male exited from the passenger side of a vehicle with a handgun. The male pointed the gun at her forehead and stated "you have one phone and you're dead". The female called her mother and was crving and then shoved the male and took off running. In the meanwhile the mother of cle and attempted to locate her daughter near Ironton & Auburn. The female stated ments regarding their three there were three unknown month old baby, and decided males in the suspected vehicle when she walked past it and stroller and leave. She tried to only the front passenger got get the baby and he grabbed out of the vehicle. The male with the handgun was about six pushed her down. Officers feet tall and thin build. The suspect vehicle was an older marks on her neck and placed box style vehicle , dark in color the male under arrest for and sat up high with big rims on it. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate.

April 11, 2014

At 1947hrs, officers were dispatched to the 200 Block of Genesee, an apartment building, on a report of a man beating a woman. Officers arrived and heard the 49 year old female screaming "don't hit me, get away from me." Officer observed the 51 year old male close the window. The door to the apartment unit had to be tion lobby for a Stolen Vehicle forced open and observed the complaint The 59 year old male standing under the stairmale states he left his 1999 well. He was placed under Pontiac Grand Am at the arrest and secured in the patrol vehicle. The female was Shop at 11242 W Jefferson on offered medical assistance and April 1st, 2014. The mechanic she refused and stated she and told the male when he fin- her boyfriend began arguing ished and the vehicle3 was and he became angry and ready the same day. The male slapped her across her face told his daughter to go pick it twice. The male refused to talk up. The mechanic told the to officers and once he was male he would leave his keys transported to the station he In the vehicle and it would be started complaining of chest parked in the parking lot. The pains. Health Link arrived and daughter failed to pick it up treated him and he later that day and went the next refused to be finger printed. He day at 1500hr, and the vehicle was charged with Domestic Violence.

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Local judges sponsor Law Day activities



Judge Michael Ciugan and Judge Raymond Charron

Judge Michael Ciugan, Ecorse, and Judge Raymond Charron, River Rouge, again this year are sponsoring the following activities in conjunction with Law Day, Monday, May 1989.

Mock Trial-Monday, May 1, 1989 9:00 a.m. Courtroom Buday Civic Center. Panel discussions by Judges Ciiungan and Charron on "Aspects of Michigan No Fault Insurance" and "Access to Justice."

Ecorse Senoir Citizens Center 4072 W. Jefferson Wednesday, May 3, 1989

12:00 noon. Ecorse Senior Citizen Center 421 Salliote Thursday, May 11, 1989-10:00a.m.

River Rouge Activity Center W. 10625 Jefferson, Wednesday, April 26, 1989 11:00am Milton Community Center Beechwood 421 Wednesday April 26, 1989 -12:00noon The Mock Trial will involve practicing attorneys and police officers will participate. High school students will observe a Drunk Driving trial, a subject which unfortunately, has great relevance to young adults.

Judges Ciungan and Charron stated that Law Day provides an additional opportunity for Judges to better acquaint the citizens with their legal system.

All activities are open to the public and free of charge.



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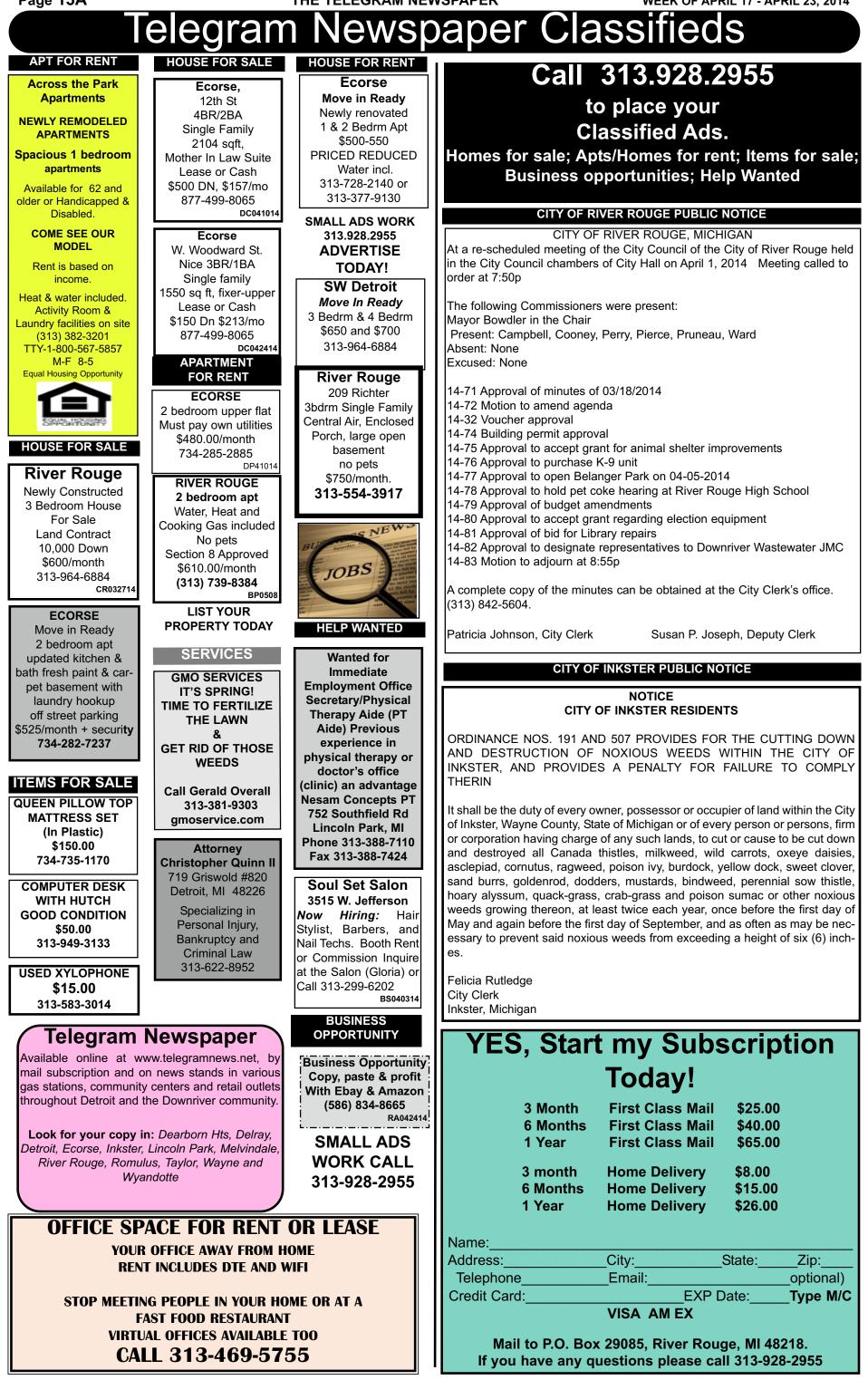
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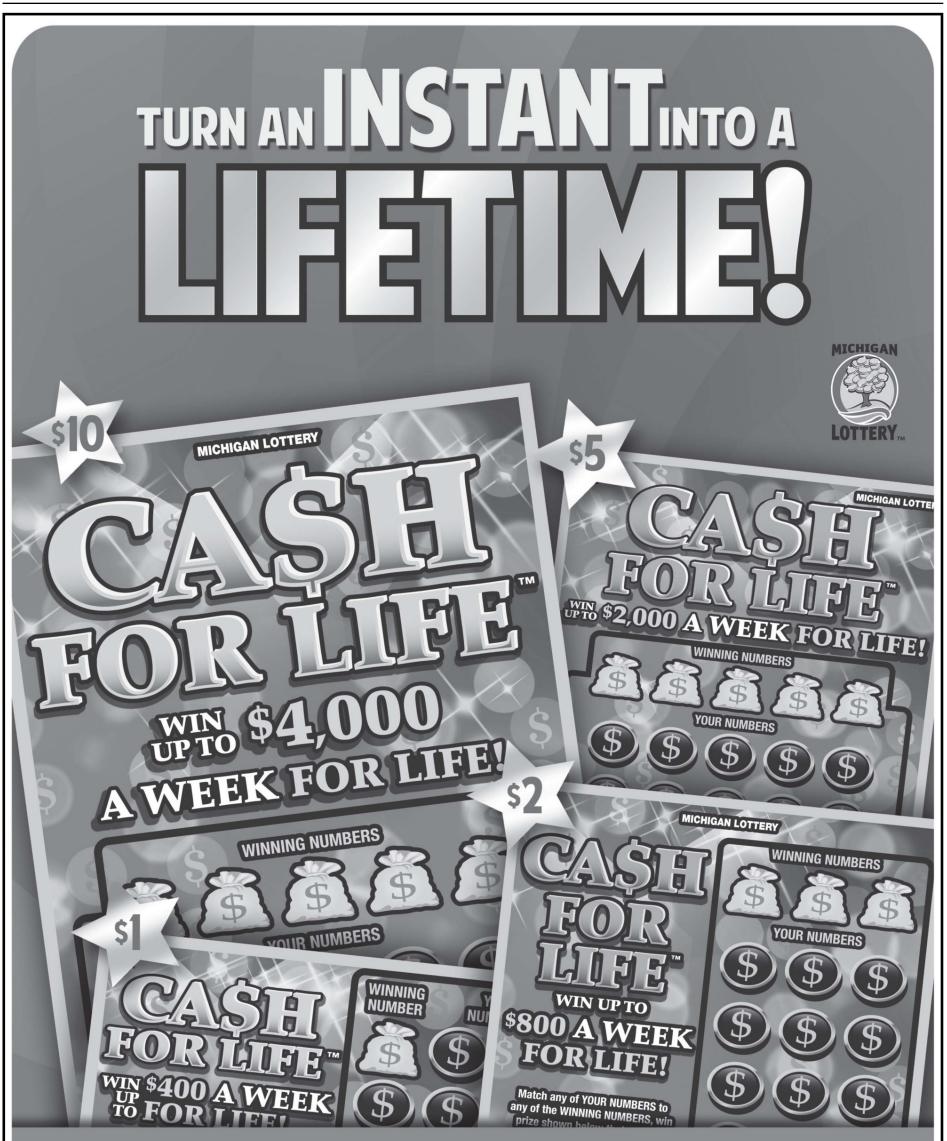
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(Detroit, MI) Detroit native Tony Winters is touring his solo show THE DEVIL AND BILLY MARKHAM by Shel Silverstein and Directed by Sy Richardson. Goode Entertainment in association with Detroit Winters Production is honored to present Tony Winters in his Detroit stage return on Friday, May 16th and Saturday, May 17th, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. appearing at The Upper Room located at 23821 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, MI 48219, Phone (313) 531-5100.

THE DEVIL AND BILLY MARKHAM by Shel Silverstein is a one-act play that is a study of the nature of good and evil in man; this epic poem tells the improbable

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story of down-on-his-luck singer/songwriter Billy Markham whose constant flirtation with the dark side of life, appetite for games of chance, problematic prodigious libido and willingness to gamble away the very souls of those who love him most are all explored.

TONY WINTERS grew up on the Northwest Side of Detroit . Winters was a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout with a few local chapters. He played Youth Football for The Milan Tigers and softball at Kelly Park for the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation. Winters graduated from the recently demolished Redford High School. During his high school years, Winters sang in the school chorus and danced on THE SCENE which was broadcast over WGPR, which just happened to be the first black owned and operated television station in the country. After moving to Los Angeles to pursue an acting career, Winters was last seen on the stage in his self-penned family drama SECTION 8 at Stage 52 which garnered three NAACP Theater Award nods. Winters' recent theater credits include FENCES, WOMEN OF MAN-HATTAN and Ken Davis' acclaimed SOUTH OF WHERE WE LIVE, THE COLORED MUSEUM, HOUNDS and MOON ON A RAINBOW SHAWL.

Director SY RICHARDSON is the Artistic Director of the Friendly Valley, Senior Little Theater. Mr. Richardson directorial stage projects include COLOR GIRLS, TO BE YOUNG GIFTED AND BLACK, and WALKING WITH A PAN-THER. Mr. Richardson directed TREE for the Los Angeles Opera Foundation; SOUTH OF WHERE WE LIVE garnered an NAACP Theatre Award, SUM-MERS IN SUFFOLK garnered 3 NAACP Theatre Awards nods, while PASSING won 2 NAACP Theatre Awards. He wrote the original screenplay POSSE and self-published 5 books. The play is recommended for adults only. For further information call 818.821.8081; Tickets are available at: http://www.brownpapertickets.c om/event/610962. Visit Tony Winters on Facebook and Twitter. The play is one (1) hour with no intermission. Theatre Website http://theupperroomdetroit.net thedevilandbilly-E-mail: markham@gmail.com http://www.brownpapertickets.c om/event/610962;

ASK AYANA My Treasure



I am 17 years old and live with my aunt who has been raising me since birth. For the longest time it was just the two of us until my aunt got married a couple of years ago. Her husband is a very nice man and treats us both great. He has kids, 7 and 12 years old, who come and stay with us every other weekend. My problem is that the 12 year old steals. He doesn't just steal my thingshe steals EVERYBODY'S things. They aren't even things of value most of the time. He steals when we go to the grocery store and he steals when we're all at home together. My aunt has to lock up her purse and my uncle hides his change can when his son comes for a visit. He has taken some of my ribbons from pageants that I've won and I also caught him with my phone after I thought I had lost it a few days earlier. I don't have many things that are my own, but what I have I treasure! My aunt says that

she thinks he will grow out of it and that he might be having a hard time adjusting to the marriage. I'm trying to be patient but I really don't even like to be home when he's there now. I feel like he's messing up our family.

Help!

That doesn't mean that your problems aren't valid. But it does mean that you are limited when it comes to resolution. The old school way of handling a family problem was by calling a family meeting. It may be time to bring it back if your family hasn't already held court about your complaints. Your aunt may be right. This young man could be acting out in an effort to gain attention from his parents. If this was a problem long before you and your aunt came into his life, he probably has some deep-seeded issues that you are unaware of. Unfortunately, as I said before, this isn't a problem that you should take on. Sit down with your aunt and uncle, tell them how this negative behavior is affecting your family relationships and ask for their input. Maybe they are already putting some things in place to help your uncle's son. I challenge you to be forgiving and remain open to developing a relationship with both

and the mother of his son.

children. I applaud you for your patience and encourage you keep the conversation going with the adults in your life that can make change. Good luck to you. I hope that your new family dynamic continues to grow in love!

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Bankruptcy

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is now," he said in a statement.

The deal, which is contingent on more than \$800 million in contributions for retirees from foundations, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the state of Michigan, marks the first between the bankrupt city and one of its retired worker groups. The association of retired police and fire workers has about 6,500 members, the statement said.

PENSION OFFICIAL OPTIMISTIC

Meanwhile, George Orzech, chairman of Detroit's Police and Fire Retirement System, said the pension deal taking shape with the city's two retirement systems would increase the assumed investment rate of return for the funds.

"We have agreements on several of the points," Orzech said.

Any deal that Detroit incorporates into its plan to adjust its mountain of debt and exit bankruptcy will be subject to voting by city workers and retirees, but Orzech expressed optimism a negotiated plan can win member support.

"I believe the majority of retirees out there and some

active folks believe I have their best interests at heart," Orzech said.

He added that under the potential deal, the funds would drop their attempt to overturn a December federal court ruling that found Detroit was eligible for the biggest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history.

Late on Monday, Detroit in a court filing noted that "significant modifications" have been made to its plan to adjust \$18 billion of debt and exit bankruptcy. In the response filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court to a slew of objections raised by city creditors over a key supporting document for the city's plan, Detroit said it had reached settlements over interest rate swaps and the treatment of voter-approved general obligation bonds. The city also said it has withdrawn a proposal to create a regional water and sewer authority.

"Because of these modifications and amendments to the amended disclosure statement, the city believes that many of the arguments raised in the objections have been resolved or otherwise addressed or mooted by the terms of the second amended plan and second amended disclosure statement," Detroit's filing stated. Spring Break Inkster High School 10th—12th Grade Academic Enrichment Week

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