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## The City of River Rouge shows their school spirit



The new look of the viaduct shows school colors

Panther pride is growing in the City of River Rouge and everyone is getting into the game. It's not just the school district that is showing their Maroon and White Spirit, but the City is too.

As you approach the City of River Rouge from Detroit on Schaefer Rd/Coolidge Hwy, you begin to get the Panther feeling. Can you hear it – **"Go Maroon! Go White! Everybody say Fight Panthers Fight!"**

Thanks goes out to the River Rouge High School students that worked for the General Motors program this summer. They suggested to Mayor Michael Bowdler that having the viaduct painted to represent the school would be great. The city officials agreed and presented the idea to the Downtown Development Association and the Economic Development Corporation. They all agreed with the plan and the rest is history. The EDC, DDA and the City of River Rouge put up the funds to cover the cost of painting the

viaduct and putting RIVER ROUGE on the sides. Some of the summer workers pulled weeds on the sides of the Coolidge and the GM/United Way students planted flowers and put down the mulch to complete the project. For about three weeks, you would see workers bringing the viaduct to life. Mayor Bowdler said, "This was the kid's idea. We are looking forward to working with the school more this year and we are looking forward to having students from the GM program back next year."

## Be part of the World's Largest Hustle/Ballroom Event at Belle Isle



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Official representatives from the Guinness Book of World Records will be there to verify the attempt. The festivities start at 4:00pm and the record breaking attempt begins at 7:00pm.

For an added treat, a live performance from Detroit's own recording artist K'Jon will be a part of the program.

## 34th Annual Detroit Jazz Festival August 30 - Sept 2, 2013



In his second year as the Detroit Jazz Festival Artistic Director, Chris Collins has cultivated another amazing lineup for this year's Labor Day weekend performances. The vision for 2013 was to bring together artists who represent real jazz in all its forms. World-renowned

musicians will come together to give Festival attendees performances they've never experienced before. This year's artistic vision focuses on the language of jazz and the generations of musicians who have dedicated their lives to propagating its many dialects. We will celebrate history and revel in the creative spirit of artists who expand boundaries to create truly unique, engaging and meaningful music.

2013 Detroit Jazz Festival Artist-In-Residence Grammy award winner Danilo Pérez is among the most influential and dynamic musicians of our time. In just over a

decade, his distinctive blend of Pan-American jazz (covering the music of the Americas, folkloric and world music) has attracted critical acclaim and loyal audiences. Hailing from Panama, Danilo's abundant talents and joyous enthusiasm make his concerts both memorable and inspiring. Whether leading his own ensembles or touring with renowned jazz masters (Wayne Shorter, Roy Haynes, Steve Lacy), Danilo is making a decidedly fresh imprint on contemporary music, guided, as always, by his love for jazz.

## Detroit ballot recount Who's the mayor?



The Mayoral election in Detroit made history with the number of write-in ballots cast. Now it will make history again. The 18,000 votes cast for Mike Duggan could be

thrown out.

The Wayne County Board of Canvassers did not certify the election because they found out that some Detroit workers had not used hash marks to represent every five votes counted. They tossed out 18,000 write-in ballots where hash marks weren't used in their tabulation. With those 18,000 votes removed from Mike Duggan's total, he now became the second place finisher. Although that doesn't change the results that Benny Napoleon and Mike Duggan will be on the ballot for November as candidates for the Mayor of Detroit, it became an issue that had to be addressed by the State

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CALL TO ACTION

WORDS FROM THE PUBLISHER

By Gina C. Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher

Trip to Washington



Gina Steward took a break in the 50th Anniversary activities to stop by the Martin Luther King Jr. Monument.

It has been 50 years since Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King gave the famous ‘I have a dream’ speech. This weekend, I had the privilege of traveling to Washington DC to participate in the commemoration of this event. As far as I know there weren’t any violent acts that took place in and around the area that the activities took place. That was impressive because of the volume of people that attended the historic events this weekend.

Martin Luther King Jr. talked and lived a life of nonviolence. Most people over the age of 50 understand the message that he felt was necessary for African American people to survive in the 1960s. In this era ‘Black’ people were being denied rights, harassed and killed by ‘White’ people and it was essential for people to know how to respond in order to stay alive. His non-violence approach also provided Black people a sense of love of each other and unity as they worked together to take on the problems of the day..

The Six Principals of Nonviolence that Dr. King enforced were Principle One: Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people  
•It is active nonviolent resistance to evil.

Principle Two: Nonviolence seeks to win friendship and understanding  
•The purpose of nonviolence is the creation of The

Beloved Community.  
Principle Three: Nonviolence seeks to defeat injustice not people  
•Nonviolence recognizes that evil doers are also victims and are not evil people.  
Principle Four: Nonviolence holds that suffering can educate and transform  
•Nonviolence accepts suffering without retaliation.  
Principle Five: Nonviolence chooses love instead of hate  
•Love for the enemy is how we demonstrate love for ourselves.  
Principle Six: Nonviolence believes that the universe is on the side of justice  
•Nonviolence believes that God is a God of justice.

I believe that although people know the name of Martin Luther King and they have heard parts of his speech, I’m not sure they are taking it to heart because the level of violence seems to be increasing. However, it’s not White people that are killing and harassing Black people, in most instances, its Black people killing Black people. I suggest that each reader of the Telegram Newspaper read Dr. King’s “I have a dream speech” and then read it with your family and then discuss it. It is important that our youth and young adults learn how to respond when they are confronted with a situation that normally would have resulted in violence.  
The entire speech will be posted on our website [www.telegramnews.net](http://www.telegramnews.net).

Recount

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Board of Canvassers.

On Tuesday, the Members of the State Board of Canvassers voted 4-0 to retally Detroit’s mayoral primary results. The process has begun and could take over a week to be completed. The state canvassing board has until Sept. 3 to certify the election results.

The city’s unofficial election results had Michael Duggan in first place with 44,395 votes (45.9 percent) and Benny Napoleon had 28,352 votes (29.6 percent). Duggan ran the primary campaign as a write-in candidate after Mayoral candidate Tom Barrow investigated Duggan’s filing date which resulted in Duggan being kicked off the ballot by the Wayne County Circuit Court and the Michigan Court of Appeals after the courts ruled that he filed to run for election two weeks too soon.

The recount is open to the public and is taking place in Room L-150 on the first floor of Cadillac Place, 3044 W. Grand Blvd.

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NEWS FROM LANSING

Standing together for our kids - One community united

By State Representative David Knezek



As students, parents, and educators ready themselves for the beginning of another school year, we find ourselves looking at a vastly different educational landscape. With the dissolution of Inkster Public Schools, we have seen one of the cornerstones of our community stripped away from us. No one is happy about this but I think it’s important that we, as the leaders and adults in our community, do our best to remember just what is at stake as we move forward.

One thing should take precedence during all our conversations: the kids. We must ensure that their transitions into new districts are seamless and their learning is enriched through the support of the local community. These

are some of the most formative years in the lives of Inkster children and, though circumstances outside their control will present some obstacles this year, we must join together to make sure they are receiving the support they need.

The beginning of the school year is a great time to realize how bright the future truly is. The next generation of leaders is growing up before our eyes; doctors, lawyers, police officers, teachers, and, dare I say, future state representatives will be attending school for the first time; others will be graduating high school and moving on to the next chapter in their lives.

I remain confident that, together, we will make it through these trying times. The time I’ve spent throughout the community, at events and on your doorsteps, has renewed my level of optimism. We will overcome these obstacles because we will stand together - one community, united. I wish all of our students the best of luck and hope their school year is fun and rewarding. It’s up to all of us to lift them upon our shoulders and ensure their success.

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## Child Watch

### “Where do we go from here?”

By Marian Wright Edelman - NNPA Columnist



*In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was the promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the 'unalienable Rights of Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.' It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.' But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation.*

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., address at the March on Washington, August 28, 1963

As the nation celebrates the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, many are discussing what Dr. King would say to the nation and world today and tell us to do. But his message to us today is as clear as it was 50 years ago if only we could hear, heed, and follow his warnings about what we need to do to make America America.

Just as Biblical Old and New Testament prophets were rejected, scorned, and dishonored in their own land in their times, so was Dr. King by many when he walked and worked among us. Now that he is dead, many Americans remember him warmly but have sanitized and trivialized his message and life. They remember Dr. King the great orator but not Dr. King the disturber of unjust peace. They applaud the Dr. King who opposed violence but not the Dr. King who called for massive nonviolent demonstrations to end war and poverty in our national and world house. They recite the “I Have a Dream” part of his August 1963 speech but ignore its main metaphor of the promissory note still bouncing at America's bank of justice, waiting to be cashed by millions of poor and minority citizens. And while we love to celebrate his dream and great oratorical skills, we ignore his fears and repeated warnings about America's misguided priorities and values. He worried that we

were missing God's opportunity to become a great and just nation by sharing our enormous riches with the poor and overcoming what he called the “giant triplets” of racism, materialism, and militarism.

In his last Sunday sermon at Washington National Cathedral, Dr. King retold the parable of the rich man Dives who ignored the poor and sick man Lazarus who came every day seeking crumbs from Dives' table. Dives did nothing. Dives went to hell, Dr. King said, not because he was rich but because he did not realize his wealth was his opportunity to bridge the gulf separating him from his brother and allowed Lazarus to become invisible. He warned this could happen to rich America, “if we don't use her vast resources to end poverty and make it possible for all of God's children to have the basic necessities of life.”

At Dr. King's death in 1968 when he was calling for a Poor People's Campaign, there were 25.4 million poor Americans, including 11 million poor children, and our Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was \$4.13 trillion. Today, there are 46.2 million poor people, including 16.1 million poor children, almost half living in extreme poverty, and our GDP is three times larger, and shamefully the younger children are the poorer they are. One in three Black and Latino children are poor. National wealth and income inequality are at near record levels while hunger, homelessness, illiteracy, fear, and hopelessness stalk millions of children and adults across our land who have been left behind in our economy. Isn't it time to ask ourselves again with urgency whether America is missing once again the great opportunity and mandate God has given us to be a beacon of hope and justice for the least among us, beginning with our children, who are the poorest Americans?

The day he was assassinated in Memphis Dr. King called his mother to give her the title of his next Sunday's sermon. It was “Why America May Go to Hell.” In his 1967 book *Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?* Dr. King stated that America hadn't yet committed to paying the real price—in actual dollars and cents—of equality: “The practical cost of change for the nation up to this point has been cheap. The limited reforms have been obtained at bargain rates. There are no expenses, and no taxes required, for Negroes to share lunch counters, libraries, parks, hotels, and other facilities with whites.”

But, he said, “the real cost lies ahead . . . The discount education given Negroes will in the future have to be purchased at full price if quality education is to be realized. Jobs are harder and costlier

to create than voting rolls. The eradication of slums housing millions is far beyond integrating lunch counters.” He said the price would be great but so would the rewards. It would all come down to our will: “The great majority of Americans...are uneasy with injustice but unwilling yet to pay a significant price to eradicate it.”

That is the overarching issue our nation and every citizen must face today as we leave millions of children unprepared to become the competitive workers and military, education, economic, and diplomatic leaders of tomorrow.

In his last week of life, Dr. King said to a group of close friends: “We fought hard and long, and I have never doubted that we would prevail in this struggle. Already our rewards have begun to reveal themselves. Desegregation...the Voting Rights Act...But what deeply troubles me now is that for all the steps we've taken toward integration, I've come to believe that we are integrating into a burning house.” “What would you have us do?” one shocked friend asked. Dr. King answered: “I guess we're just going to have to become firemen.”

Dr. King knew then as we must know or learn today that our work was not done and that the successes of the Civil Rights Movement and integration were not alone doorways into a Promised Land. We were gaining access to a society riddled with poverty, inequality, violence, militarism, materialism, and greed. Dr. King made it very clear that he saw America and the world at a dangerous crossroads. A Civil Rights Movement stalled short of true equality without a parallel opening up of economic opportunity. Poverty at home and around the world that led Dr. King to call for nothing less than a national and worldwide revolution of values:

“When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered.

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## From the mouth of babes The Youth Speak

### Life of a School

School is just another place that we consider annoying and aggravating because we constantly have to think and are always contemplating on “What's the right answer to the question?” as we sit through the boring stories and one sided lessons. But at least we get the chance to learn, so let's consider it a blessing, even though everyday at school leads to more stressing like when we have to wait in line for hours just to get a meal for lunch or when a test that slipped our mind is the next day and we have to open our books and crunch. School

No more time for recess because play time becomes less. So instead we extinguish our fun time and relinquish our riveting agony as we make our way back to class, just in time for English. Reading novels like *Black Boy*, *Native Son*, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, or *To Kill A Mockingbird* and then to endure a series of questions composed with words we haven't even heard and then to write a brief summary of the events that just occurred. We sit and hear the teacher talk about idioms, alliteration, and metaphors as we sit in metal desks on scratched tile floors with our hand supporting our head, elbow on the desk, and eyes real low because we are a little bored. School

The place where it is literally a wrestling match just to get through the hall to your next class in the 5 minute grace period you have and the only time you can laugh when you see a person fall. Books in the air, papers scattered on the floor, lockers opening and closing like entrance doors to busy businesses booming with customers seeking assistance. While in the halls, we look at the clocks on the walls with persistence to get out of the building to go home and sleep and eat and do anything we want to at will. We all know how tired we really feel. School

Though we dread it daily, we continue to return with a smile on our face to greet our friends and become steps closer to the year's end and even closer to graduating from college. Even though school can be challenging, it provides us with common knowledge to thrive and survive in our lives on our own. There's nothing better than the feeling of success when we are at our best and nothing less because we got through the struggles of school and endured the stress. Though it gets tiring, it always worth it, it's always worth reading the books and answering the questions because some of those answers may answer some of your Life's questions. So sit back, have fun, and go with the flow because school will increase your capacity of what you already know.

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# Magnificent Man: Earl Folks Sr.

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



I am happy to introduce Magnificent Man, Earl Folks, Sr. He is my father and we will be honoring him along with seven others on October 31, 2013 as we kick off three days of events for the Michigan Leading Ladies and Magnificent Man Conference.

My father is not just the man who taught a lot of people how to roller skate and ran operations for the rink for decades. My dad has and continues to be a great teacher and to me and my two brothers.

He instilled great work ethics in us by requiring us to work

in the family business. He even implanted that entrepreneurial spirit in us. He taught us that doing the right thing was most important of all.

After working for about a decade in a steel factory downriver, Earl became the primary manager of operations at Rollercade Roller Rink in 1989. Earl had always been a vital part of the Rollercade. It opened in 1955 when he was just 5 years old and will celebrate 58 years at a big skating celebration on October 19th. The rink was owned by his parents Johnnie Mae and Leroy Folks. Earl and his seven siblings practically and literally grew up on roller skates.

Mastering many fancy skate moves, also known to some Detroit skaters as 'hops', Earl has been a part of skate clubs including the Rollercade Rockers and national organizations like the RSROA, Roller Skating Rink Owners Association. He has been an overseer of roller skate competitions like

the Rollercade King and Queen Contests, The Coca-Cola Skate Contests sponsored by the RSROA in the 1980s and more. Earl has skated and performed at various roller rinks across the county.

Earl has taught countless numbers of children in the tri-city area (River Rouge, Ecorse, and Southwest Detroit ) how to roller skate. From basic moves to fancy step, many skater got their start at the Rollercade. Literally, generations have undergone his tutelage via his Saturday after noon class and the Tri-City Skate Club. The Master Rollerskater continues to rollerskate for exercise and teaches children on Saturdays. He is a living legend in the roller skating world.

Not only is Earl known for roller skating, he is also beloved in the community because he provides a source of recreation in the community and is one of very few black business owners in the area. Declining lucrative offers to sell the

building, Earl opted to keep the pearl of the community open for business so the local children would have something to do, somewhere to go to have fun while their parents get a break. Not to mention a place for children to engage in an activity that will keep them physically fit and teach a skill set.

On behalf of the community and my family, I want to thank my father, Earl Folks for all he has done, all he does and for all he means to so many of us. It has been a joy and privilege to share him with so many others who love him. This is why Earl Folks is being honored as a Michigan Magnificent Man!!! We hope you will join us in celebrating him on October 31, 2013 at the Michigan Leading Ladies and Magnificent Men Luncheon. For more information, go to: [www.TrevaGordon.com](http://www.TrevaGordon.com).



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# The Art of Marriage

By Rev. Everett Thomas, Senior Minister Mercy House / Jehovah Jireh Ministries



Marriage is one of God's greatest works of creation. Before the Church was instituted, there was marriage and the family.

Marriage is God's idea, not man's. Dr. Tony Evans, Pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas Texas says: "Too many believers are trying to have a happy marriage the human way. Too many are trying to find a fulfilled life using human methods. But you can't adopt man's methods to accomplish God's goals. That's not adopting a Kingdom agenda." 1

In what is called the Lord's Prayer, we find these words "thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven..." Please note that it says Thy kingdom not my kingdom. Many of us are trying to live our lives and marriage the Burger King way and not

God's Kingdom way. If we really want to be blessed we can't have it our way. God's way is the best way.

The design for marriage God's way is in God's Word. Marriage God's way is a covenant not a contract. Marriage God's way is between a male and a female. Dr. Tony Evans says: "If you want a better world, comprised of better nations, inhabited by better states filled with better countries, made up of better cities, comprised of better neighborhoods, illuminated by better churches, populated with better families, then you have to start by becoming a better person." 2 This is what Mercy House Church and Jehovah Jireh Ministries are all about. We are transforming, discipling, and equipping lives for God's Kingdom. To have a better life and marriage we must do it the Bible way. So if

you are married, want to be married, or just want to know what marriage is all about; join us at "The Art of Marriage Conference" sponsored by the Salem Radio Station WLQV 1500AM.

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Rev. Everett Thomas, Senior Minister  
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# 3 Tips For A Tastier, Lower-Fat Smoothie

Special to the NNPA from The Chicago Defender



### Fruit Smoothie 450

There is a huge difference between a fruit smoothie you blend up at home and the concoctions you can get at your local retail shop. Yes, smoothies are loaded with fruit, and fruit is healthy. They can also be a wonderful, incredible, delicious component of a healthy diet, containing other “good for you” ingredients and nutrients that will leave you feeling satisfied.

However, a typical smoothie can also be packed with juice, yogurt, and sometimes, even sorbet. When you blend these ingredients together with the natural sugars found in fruit, you have yourself one sugary drink. Not to mention, hidden calories.

### Keep Calories Low

To keep calories low, stick to fruit, juices and nonfat dairy products. Beware when you see chocolate, heavy syrup, premium ice cream, peanut butter or whole milk on the ingredient list. Other danger flags are coconut, honey, coconut cream, fruit nectar, and protein powder. These are destined to go straight to your waistline, without passing your digestive tract.

You can increase your vitamin and mineral value by choosing a smoothie with honeydew melon, or cantaloupe, any kind of berries, kiwis, bananas, low fat yogurt or milk and orange or other fruit juices. In addition, choose whole fruit whenever possible, to increase the fiber content and increase satisfaction by giving a feeling of fullness.

One thing to keep in mind is that not every smoothie is created equally. Some are dairy free while others are packed with it. Therefore, the calorie count and nutritional content of each smoothie will differ. Also, size does matter when it comes to a smoothie!

Tip: You can shave several calories off your smoothie by going with the smaller size. It is also important that you don't view a smoothie as a drink that supplements your meal. If you order a sandwich for lunch then run next door to wash it down with a smoothie, you are essentially consuming 2 meals. With this mindset, you could seriously impede your weight loss efforts. A smoothie should either be viewed as breakfast or as an occasional treat.

### Keep The Price Low

Many smoothie franchises advertise special ingredients called “boosters” or “enhancers” touted as healthy additions to the basic smoothie. Some outlets may claim such health miracles as “cure a hangover” “promote healing”, “burns fat”, “increases immunity”, “restores vitality” etc. Naturally, they come with an additional price tag. Many of these extra ingredients cost 50 cents a pop, which can increase a \$3.00 smoothie to a \$5.00 price tag quickly.

What are some of these “extra nutrition additives” and are they worth paying for?

One of the reasons consumers are drawn to smoothies is because of the additional supplements that are used to “boost” the nutritional content. In actuality, the supplements often used in smoothies are genetically modified and contain lots of chemical fillers and other synthetic ingredients. The actual nutrient being touted, like vitamin C, is usually one of the last items on the ingredient list, and is generally of poor quality (meaning absorption rates and nutritional benefit are questionable).

Your sudden surge of energy is more likely from the sugar than the booster nutrient!

The best way to ensure a “booster” is indeed a healthy option is to make the retailer accountable for its ingredients. The ultimate scenario is that the retailer is using a smoothie booster made from highly raw and organic whole foods in powder form, without any added chemicals. That way, the vitamins and minerals are all naturally occurring and easily absorbed in the body.

Aloe Vera Juice. The famous burn remedy, appearing regularly as a miracle cure for a wide range of ailments. There is no scientific proof that swallowing it cures or treats anything. Not only that, some of the constituents may be carcinogenic and it could cause severe cramping, diarrhea and bleeding, in its form as a laxative.

Chromium Picolinate. This one is touted as a fat burning, muscle building substance, again with no scientific proof. It cannot increase lean muscle mass, only lifting weights can do that, and it has no curative effect on diabetes, as some claims assert.

Acidophilus. This is a good source of beneficial intestinal bacteria, valuable for assisting digestion, but is also the active ingredient in yogurt, so if your smoothie is yogurt based you can skip this additive.

Spirulina. Highly touted to do everything from cure acne to impotence, “purify blood” and cures most diseases. It is of little proven benefit. It does have a few vitamins, but not as much, nor as valuable as most fruits. Chlorophyll, one of its main ingredients, is of benefit to plants, not humans.

Ginkgo Biloba. Claims are it improves blood flow and circulatory disorders, prevents or cures absent-mindedness, memory loss, and dementia. Don't I wish? Actual studies show it may have limited benefits for some Alzheimer's patients, no proven benefit for others. Ginseng. Another ingredient that's been making miracle cure claims for ages. No evidence that it does anything.

You may also see such enticing offerings as amino acids, echinacea, brewers' yeast, wheat grass and who knows how many other worthless at best additives advertised. Don't bother, you can spend a fortune on such expensive herbal and nutritional supplements in any health food store with equal questionable benefit.

Enjoy A Smarter Smoothie!

# MLK's 'I have a dream' speech – 50 years later

By: Harmony Rhodes - Write Steps Intern – University Prep High School



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his 'I Have a Dream' speech 50 years ago after his monumental walk in Washington. In 1963, Dr. King's speech invoked and instilled inspiration for hope, change, harmony, solidarity and equality marrying them altogether in a dream. The "I Have A Dream" speech brought together a group of diverse people, explicating that even though African Americans were being robbed of rights guaranteed in the Declaration of Independence, one must maintain upholding their pride and dignity because two wrongs don't make a right.

Many people thought that Dr. King's background, for exercising justice for all of God's people, wasn't possible. In the face of adversity and oppression, he wanted everyone from every ethnicity nationality and faith to be able to sit at a table simultaneously, letting freedom reign. Dr. King aimed to estab-

lish a state of being and a certain standard of living.

Laws, lives and perspectives were changed as a result of Dr. King's speech. The beauty of the "I Have a Dream" speech is that Dr. King's underlying principles may be applied to everyone's life, not just strictly regarding the Civil Rights Movement. To be advocates for change, while making a dream is relatable to everyone because Dr. King wasn't in ideal circumstances to make a difference.

Even as one ages, following MLK's speech, there's always something just above the horizon. Fifty years later, there is the first African American President residing in office. Eventhough we've come a long way, we still have a long way to go. Some may say that MLK's dream has yet to be entirely fulfilled. However, believing now we possess the tools, strategies and resources to address racial discrimination and profiling, which is still prominent in today's tech savvy society is key. Because of Martin Luther King, Jr. we are able to be advocates for change, while making positive influential impact in our surrounding areas.

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# MAPT's back-to-school safety message: School buses are like traffic signals!



The Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation (MAPT) today announced a simple, yet effective back-to-school safety message to help drivers respond safely in and around school buses. This year, MAPT officials encourage all drivers to think of school buses as traffic signals. "If every driver treated a school bus like a traffic signal when the lights were flashing,

our school children would be much safer," said Gary Bubar, executive director for the MAPT. The MAPT encourages three easy-to-remember safety tips for all drivers that travel near school buses:  
-When overhead lights are flashing YELLOW, Prepare to Stop;  
-When overhead lights are flashing RED, Stop; and

-When the regular hazard lights are flashing, Proceed with Caution.  
  
In a one-day study (May 2013) involving 1,392 school buses, bus drivers reported 1,165 vehicles passing while the RED lights were flashing. Throughout Michigan, there are approximately 17,000 school buses transporting over 1 million children to and from school every day.  
  
Bubar added, "While school buses are still the safest vehicles on the road today, motorists must continue to pay attention to the flashing lights because many precious lives are at stake." Michigan law doubles fines and penalties for motorists that fail to exercise caution in school bus zones.  
  
The mission of the MAPT is to promote safe and efficient pupil transportation. [www.mapt.org](http://www.mapt.org)

# Westwood: Student Centered, Success Driven

By Sue C. Carnell - Superintendent of Schools  
Westwood Community School District



Using this program, teachers will be able to help students meet the demands of their current grade level, prepare them for the next grade and better prepare them to do well on standardized tests.  
  
Westwood has two elementary schools, one middle school and four high school options. We also offer an Academy of Engineering course of study inside our high school. Westwood New Tech High School is specifically designed for students who are interested in learning using technology and enjoy working in groups. Westwood Cyber is an online high school and the Ombudsman Program is an alternative high school option.

School of Choice District, Westwood Community Schools is accepting enrollment applications for grades K-12 now through the beginning of the school year.  
  
Westwood proudly offers Everyday Math at the elementary level; a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Program for all grades and Project Lead the Way for grades 7-12; dual-enrollment with the University of Michigan Dearborn where students can earn college credit while still in high school; an iPad initiative and interactive SmartBoards in classrooms. This year we will implement the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) assessment tool to help guide student success.  
  
We are really excited about NWEA. With this instrument, we will be able to assess student progress more frequently, use that data to provide individualized assistance to students, and move students forward when they've mastered a particular concept.

We welcome families to visit our schools and learn more about the wonderful programs we have to help all students succeed. Our neighbors in Dearborn Heights, Inkster and Detroit can enroll their students at the school office during regular business hours. Summer hours (now through August 16) are Monday – Thursday 7am-5pm (closed on Fridays). Parents can enroll elementary students at Thorne Elementary, middle school students at Tomlinson and high school students for Robichaud or Westwood New Tech at the Robichaud office. Westwood provides transportation services in limited areas outside of the District boundaries. Call the enrollment hotline at 313-565-3389 for more details or to have an information packet mailed to your home.

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL Building a Relationship with Your Child's Teacher Matters

(StatePoint) Children are mom and dad's top priority, and parents want to give them every advantage in the world to succeed. But with all the time kids spend at school, parents cannot do it alone.  
  
That's why it's important for the most influential adults in a child's life to team up on a common goal.  
  
Parents should cultivate relationships with their child's teacher early, so they can work together toward the child's success.  
  
There are several ways for parents to build a relationship with their kid's teacher.  
  
Introduce Yourself  
  
Don't wait until there is a problem before meeting the teacher. Introduce yourself as soon as possible -- ideally before the stresses of the school year are in full swing. It doesn't have to be a long conversation -- just one to let the teacher know who you are and that you are interested in your child's education.  
  
Show Appreciation  
  
All kids and their parents have a teacher they admire and want to thank. Taking a few minutes to share these sentiments is important and can be easy. For example, Cheerios has a new "Send Cheer to Teachers" program that makes it simple to thank favorite teachers. Parents can show gratitude, support and appreciation by simply cutting a special postcard for teachers from specially-marked boxes of Cheerios cereal, writing a personal mes-

sage, and sharing a short note of thanks.  
  
A few kind words can go a long way.  
  
Spend Time  
  
In today's economy, many schools are stretched thin for resources. School systems are increasing class sizes and slashing budgets. Parents who have time can offer to help out. Whether it is chaperoning school trips, preparing items for a fundraiser or just donating old books to the classroom, this kindness will go a long way toward solidifying the parent-teacher relationship.  
  
Help with Supplies  
  
Teachers spend on average \$398 of their own money on supplies and resources, and 92 percent of teachers use their own money to provide supplies for their students, according to the National School Supply and Equipment Association.  
  
Through a General Mills program called Box Tops for Education, parents can earn cash for their kid's school by clipping Box Tops coupons from participating products. In addition, from August to October, you can enter the unique code from inside specially-marked Cheer-card Cheerios boxes online to earn one bonus eBoxTops credit for your school.  
  
And through a new Cheerios Send Cheer to Teachers sweepstakes, parents can enter for a chance to win a \$20,000 prize package or one of four \$5,000

prize packages made up of bonus Box Tops and supplies for their child's school. Complete details and rules, can be found at [www.btfe.com/sendcheer](http://www.btfe.com/sendcheer).  
  
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By Principal Linda Whitaker



To all the parents who visited the NEW Mark Twain for Literary Scholars during the DPS Open Doors Day, let me say thank you! I know you saw first-hand the change at hand and I welcome others to come see our new offerings. As I said in my last letter to you: I know that a parent needs to have confidence to enroll their child in a school. It's a new day at Mark Twain! And as the new principal of the Mark Twain School for Literary Scholars, I'm so excited to welcome you to be part of our school where you will be greeted by our dedicated, hand-picked staff, school vol-unteers and community part-ners.

Once again, I'm happy to be back in this neighborhood – and at this school building that my own daughters attended many years ago -- and pledge to raise the stan-dards for Mark Twain to pro-vide a safe, clean, high aca-demic and creative environ-ment for my school children and community families. Our Pre-K to 8 school is locat-ed in a safe and historic build-ing and offers a college-preparatory, inquiry-based curriculum with a global focus.



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I have served as principal at some of DPS' top elementary schools, including Nichols Elementary and Chrysler Elementary, where through the Arts Initiative Writing pro-gram, students were exhibited artists for four years at the Charles Wright African American Museum of History. Chrysler was one of two Michigan schools to receive the "Coolest School In America" Recognition from Scholastic Magazine for 2011-12.

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# River Rouge Schools has “Made the Impossible a Reality”

by Mr. Derrick R. Coleman - Superintendent of River Rouge Schools



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers:

**“It always seems impossible until it is done.” Nelson Mandela**

Accepting the above quote from Nelson Mandela as truth, we have clearly made

the impossible a reality here in River Rouge Public Schools. Our desire to become a destination for families looking for a nurturing environment has been fulfilled. As we enter into the 2013-14 academic year, it is clear that we understand the work is never done; however,


we would not have the opportunity to serve your family if the choice to send the children here was never made. We have invested hundreds of hours towards creating a system that will defy the odds and thrive in the effort to help children become college or career ready.

We are in the midst of fully redesigning our delivery of instruction to match the needs of children. Research strongly suggests the need to reform instructional delivery models and it only makes sense for our schools to reflect what we know children need. Simply put, today's children learn differently and we could not expect to be successful without providing flexibility and innovative teaching techniques.

We will be kicking off the new school year with our annual Back to School Backpack Giveaway with Ms. Spriggles the Clown. In addition, this will be a carnival type atmosphere with FREE haircuts, food, bounce houses, face painting, and other giveaways. Everyone is welcome and we will also have an enrollment table to make sure your child is given the opportunity to join us in this movement.

In closing, I sincerely thank you on behalf of the River Rouge Public School system. Remember, it was your past criticisms of our effort, which helped to shape this agenda and it is your current faith in us to deliver on our promise to educate all children that we gather strength. We draw inspiration from our purpose and the mission to empower children mandates we work tirelessly to find solutions to make a difference.

Derrick R. Coleman  
Superintendent of Schools



*The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.*

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\* COMMUNITY NEWS\*

Detroit Recreation Department to host Late Night Programming for Young Adults 17-24 years old



The Detroit Recreation Department has announced the third component of its Future Leaders In Progress (FLIP) Initiative: late night programming for young adults 17-24 years old from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at three recreation centers.

Funded by the Kellogg Foundation in cooperation with Detroit City Connect, the FLIP Initiative is designed to equip participants from targeted areas of the city of Detroit with skills that will help them to have successful futures.

The focus of the FLIP Initiative is to engage young

adults 17 – 24 years of age in activities (basketball, swimming, interactive gaming, hip hop dance instruction, exercise and weight room activities, table game instruction and tournaments); violence reduction and education; graphic design instruction; entrepreneurship workshops; financial literacy; Building Healthy Minds and Bodies for Success; and introduction to local, regional and statewide educational and technical programs.

The Detroit Recreation Department will conduct late night programming and activities two days each week from

September 24 through December 20 at three locations:

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AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2013

- ARIES**  
If you seem spaced out this week don't worry about it. Fill your mind with a vision of love for the entire planet. Use your gifts to assist others in seeing the world as you do, in glorious color. Check the details on paperwork that you have to do, dreamer.  
*Soul Affirmation: Emptiness inside creates the space that I can fill with love.*  
**Lucky Numbers: 17, 21, 29**
- TAURUS**  
Heavy vibrations could cause you to slow down and think a lot. That's good, because slowing down is just what you need. Remember to think of the positive. Reject the negative and you'll have a wonderful week.  
*Soul Affirmation: The slowness of my week gives me time to refresh my energy.*  
**Lucky Numbers: 8, 29, 30**
- GEMINI**  
Give your busy brain a rest and work your body this week. It's a great week for physical activity that can loosen up muscles and relieve tensions. Also think about your weight problem if you have one. You'll receive some practical advice from a distant relative.  
*Soul Affirmation: I let my mind go slack and tighten up my body*  
**Lucky Numbers: 23, 29, 40**
- CANCER**  
Family responsibilities may feel like a chore this week. If you relinquish control of the situation, a natural order will occur, and things will organize themselves. You can let people be who they are. That makes it easier for you to be who you are.  
*Soul Affirmation: I let go and let the spirit run my life this week*  
**Lucky Numbers: 41, 54, 55**
- LEO**  
Be on the look out for love from a distance source, not just romantic love but the warm glow that comes from someone who cares deeply for you. Think hard about who your lover is. Make a few phone calls. The instant you hear the voice you'll know –this is the one.  
*Soul Affirmation: Truth is revealed in the smallest grain of sand.*  
**Lucky Numbers: 18, 29, 27**
- VIRGO**  
Work calls and you're not completely happy with current divisions of labor. Do your part as a member of the team and you'll be glad that you did. Others will notice that you are a committed team player. Look for financial rewards from your hard work.  
*Soul Affirmation: Joy is my houseguest this week.*  
**Lucky Numbers: 42, 44, 45**
- LIBRA**  
Business looks good this week as you discover a new way of increasing exposure to your product. Let hope and optimism lead you into new beginnings and fresh starts. All vibes are good, go! Take a good friend with you for help and company on your journey into newness.  
*Soul Affirmation: Make-believe is real while I believe it.*  
**Lucky Numbers: 12, 36, 49**
- SCORPIO**  
This will be one of those weeks that seem like one you've lived before. Good! Make some changes in the way you see things and you'll make the old new, the routine will become exciting. Communications skill should be excellent. Have some good long talks with relative.  
*Soul Affirmation: I find happiness by making those around me happy.*  
**Lucky Numbers: 26, 34, 52**
- SAGITTARIUS**  
Travel has been on your mind for some time. Buy the tickets. Fuel the car. New surroundings will bring fresh ways of looking at things, which is exactly what you need. A trip that involves creative expression is called for.  
*Soul Affirmation: I give myself a chance to see how good I can be.*  
**Lucky Numbers: 24, 51, 52**
- CAPRICORN**  
Keep a low voice. Let your presence supply the power, not your words or deeds. Great reward can come from travel with a friend or sweetheart. Remember something that a co-worker has been saying. There is a blessing in it.  
*Soul Affirmation: I let go of all resentment and love my life.*  
**Lucky Numbers: 18, 32, 55**
- AQUARIUS**  
Rev up your engines. This is a fine week for making progress with projects that you've got in the works. Your energy is high and your mind is clear. Use every advantage this week to finish up your works.  
*Soul Affirmation: When I feel good about myself, the world feels good to me.*  
**Lucky Numbers: 6, 15, 22**
- PISCES**  
A spirit of competition may be troubling you. Let it go. Celebrate differences and get on with the work of creating new hope in the world! Your tendency to speak without considering the full impact on others should be checked this week.  
*Soul Affirmation: I seek the light-hearted flavor of love this week.*  
**Lucky Numbers: 3, 18, 19**

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# The Soul of the US Open, Day 1: Sister Act Dominates; Sloane Stephens Escapes



Day 1 of the US Open featured dominant action from the most successful sister act the WTA have ever seen; James Blake, a former top 10 player on the ATP made a big announcement; Sloane Stephens narrowly escaped a 1st round upset; and Lenny Kravitz put his rocker hat back on and headlined opening

night ceremonies.

**American Results**

In other American tennis US Open news, Lauren Davis fell to Carla Suarez Navarro 6-0, 6-0 ; Vania King fell to Kaia Kanepi 6-4, 6-7, 1-6; Madison Keys falls to Jelena Jankovic 6-3, 6-4; Jamie Hampton, Bethany Mattek

Sands, and Coco Vandeweghe all move on to the next round on the women's side and Ryan Harrison fell to Nadal 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; , Michael Russell fell to Richard Gasquet 3-6, 4-6, 2-6; Rhyne Williams fell to Nikolay Davydenko 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, 5-7, 0-6, but wildcard Klahn move on.

## Last call to make team

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter

The Detroit Lions traveled to Buffalo, New York for the final game of their preseason schedule with kickoff set for 7:00 p.m. The Lions and Bills have met each other in the preseason each year since 2002, including last preseason on August 30 with the Lions winning 38-32. Overall, the teams have played 32 times in the preseason, with Detroit holding a 20-11-1 edge in the preseason series. The regular season series is tied at 4-4-1. Today's game versus Buffalo will be televised live in Metro Detroit on WXYZ-TV ABC 7 with coverage beginning at 6:30 p.m. Matt Shepard will handle play-by-play and former Lions TE Rob Rubick will add color commentary while WXYZ-TV sportscaster Tom Leyden reports from the sideline. The Detroit Lions announced Monday that they acquired LB

Chris White from the Buffalo Bills in exchange for QB Thaddeus Lewis. In this years pre-season play Detroit (tied for 2nd with +6 turnover margin) is the only team in the NFL with no give-a ways thus far in the preseason. The team's six takeaways is tied for 10th in the NFL and there four fumble recoveries is tied for fifth. So far in the 2013 preseason (as of 8/25), Detroit ranks second in the League in rushing defense, allowing only 62.0 yards per game through three preseason games. The team also ranks second through three preseason games, allowing just 2.58 yards per rushing attempt average. This Saturday the Lions will cut the roster to the regulation 53-man limit in which they have just one week to prepare for the regular season opener against the

Minnesota Vikings at home Sunday the 8th of September. Lion Head Coach Jim Schwartz was ask if the first-team offense will play in the fourth preseason game: "I think that all the guys that are 100-percent healthy will get out and get some playing time. There will be some guys that won't play, like guys that have been nursing some minor injuries and things like that. I think it's important this 11 days of whatever it is between then and the first game, you'd like to have at least a little bit of play time. We'll take them all by case-by-case basis. Certain guys will play a little bit more than others. I don't think you'll see everybody coming out at the same time. We'll just do the best we can with it." Translation, "Last call to make the team."

## Eastern Michigan University Football Opens 2013 Campaign Saturday Versus Howard University

YPSILANTI, -- The Eastern Michigan University football team embarks on its 122nd season Saturday, Aug. 31, at Rynearson Stadium in Ypsilanti, Mich. against Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference foe Howard University. Kickoff is scheduled for 6:04 p.m.

The contest will be shown on ESPN3 with Dan Gutowsky providing the play-by-play and Mark Herrmann serving as the analyst. WEMU (89.1 FM) will provide audio coverage of the game with Matt Shepard

and Rob Rubick calling the action on the field.

KICKING OFF THE SEASON: EMU is 54-59-8 (47.9%) all-time on opening day. Last season, the Eagles began the season at Ball State, breaking a four game streak of kicking off the season at home. The Howard game will mark the sixth time in the last 10 years that the Eagles will open at home in Rynearson Stadium.

ALL-TIME AGAINST

HOWARD: When both teams take the field to begin the 2013 season, it will be the third meeting between the two programs with all three contests taking place in the last seven years. EMU leads the series 2-0, winning the recent matchup 41-9, Sept. 4, 2011, to open the 2011 campaign. The Green and White also claimed the series opener, taking down the Bison, 38-15, in Rynearson Stadium, Sept. 22, 2007. More information can be found at EMUEagles.com

## Robichaud sets sights on greater things

By Christian Young - Contributing Writer

Having a new coach each year used to be old news for the Robichaud Bulldogs. But now that news is new again.

Former coach Keith Stephens arrived in 2010 and, after an initial 3-6 season, pushed the Bulldogs to two straight play-off appearances in 2011 and 2012—their first playoff berths since 2007—before taking the head coaching job at Southfield-Lathrup in the winter.

Also gone are quarterback Chris Davis and a pair of record breakers in wide receiver Darius Phillips and running back Cedric Patterson.

But new coach Al Demps, who comes over from Detroit Frederick Douglass with a

PSL title under his belt, has an idea of how to build a winner.

"The expectations here are always high," Demps said. "We're always looking to compete and contend for our conference title, and take the next step in the state playoffs." Even though those playmakers are gone, the cupboard is hardly bare.

Three returning senior starters return on the offensive line in Jayshaun Simpkins, who will man one of the guard spots, and offensive tackles Malachi Manion and Marquise Clayton.

Junior Joseph Walker will man the center position, while sophomore Miguel Manion

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## High School football is back

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter

Today is the day that Michigan High School football gets underway for the 2013 seasonal play. For the fifth straight year, Michigan ranked seventh nationally in high school sports participation, according to statistics for the 2012-13 school year released recently by the National Federation of State High School Associations. That level of participation continued to best Michigan's national ranking for total number of residents of high school age, which fell one spot to ninth nationally in 2012. River Rouge High School will work to defend their title in the new look Metro Conference that includes the follows schools. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Detroit Community, Detroit Consortium, Detroit Henry Ford Academy School for Creative Studies, Detroit Westside Christian, Ecorse, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park, Macomb Lutheran North and a course the champs River Rouge.

Gone from the Panthers lineup are Angelo Whittis (Ferris State) Michael Barmore (Northwood) Marcus Bell (William Penn) Kennard Hearndon (Nassau) Jshmoz Perry and Resean Coleman. However, Panthers Coach of Year, Corey Parker will lead his team with a start on the road, 153 miles, 2 hours 22 minutes away from home as they take on a very good team from the tough OK Conference (White Division), Lowell High School. By the way, Panther Fans not able to make the 153 mile trip to Lowell, Michigan can listen to game via internet address, <http://www.wlhrsradio.org/> game time is

Thursday, 7 o'clock pm.

Other games to taking place tonight; Courtney Dinkins new head football coach of Ecorse High will have home field advantage, as his team will take on Almont High School. Southfield Bradford vs. Dearborn Hts Star International, Dearborn Heights Robichaud vs. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Detroit Pershing vs. Romulus, Southgate Anderson vs. Lincoln Park, Brownstown Woodhaven vs. Taylor Truman, Detroit Consortium vs. Dearborn Divine Child, Melvindale vs. Allen Park, Trenton vs. Wyandotte Roosevelt, Macomb Dakota vs. Dearborn Fordson, Allen Park Cabrini vs. Detroit Westside Christian, Dearborn Heights Annapolis vs. Grosse Ile, Gabriel Richard Flat Rock vs. Riverview Gabriel Richard Flat Rock, New Boston Huron vs. Romulus Summit Academy, Dearborn Heights Crestwood vs. Riverview. Detroit Osborn vs. Detroit Western International and DEPSA Early College vs. Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech Detroit are early Saturday afternoon games. Now in eight weeks on October 27, 2013 all of us will be in front of our television set to tune in to the Selection Sunday Show to find out if our favorite teams made the District Tournament competition starting, November 1 or 2 & November 8 or 9 which leads to the Regional Tournament, November 15 or 16, MHSAA Semifinals - November 23 and the MHSAA Finals at Ford Field, November 29-30. Now are you ready for some high school football.



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August 16th, 2013

At 1657hrs, an officer was dispatched to the 200 Block of Haltiner Street on an assault complaint. A 53 year old female spoke to the officer and stated her 14 year old granddaughter was just assaulted at West Jefferson near Neiman. The youth stated that she and a friend were heading back to the grandmother's home when they were approached by a 18 year old male. The male pulled out a black and silver colored pocket knife and began working it back and forth in front of them at face level. She states when they tried to walk away he continued to hold the knife in front of them, smiling and laughing. He finally lowered the knife and both females took off going to the grandmother's home.

August 16th, 2013

At 2052hrs, an officer, in a patrol vehicle, was approaching Clark Gas Station at Great Lakes & W Jefferson, when he observed several young females standing on the corner and an 18 year old male yelling at them. The officer parked in the Subway parking lot and continued to observe them. One of the female told the male, "Why don't you stop, there is a cop behind you." The male told them he didn't care and continued to harass them. When he turned around and seen the officer, the officer told him to "just go home and leave people alone." The male refused to believe that he would be arrested if he continued to Loiter. The officer spoke to the gas station clerk who stated the male is a problem. The male loiters in the store, blocking the doorway, refuses to leave and that he is here every day causing trouble. The male walked towards the alley still causing a commotion, saying he couldn't be arrested. The officer walked up to him

advised him he was being placed under arrest, handcuffed him and called for a patrol call to transport him. He was booked for Trespassing and then allowed to make a phone call.

August 16th, 2013

At 1716hrs, officers were dispatched to Memorial Park on a report of multiple shots fired. An officer observed and identified a 20 year old male in a red hoodie sweat-shirt and gray shorts walking up Richter. This officer was looking for suspects and noticed the clothing in this 90 degree weather.

August 18th, 2013

At 1815hrs, Officers dispatched to the 400 Block of Polk Street regarding an unwanted party. The suspect was driving a beige late model Yukon. Officers arrived and observed the vehicle parked across the street and the suspect standing on the sidewalk. He told officer he came to pick up his son from the 21 year baby's mama's mother's house. The male told officer there is no parenting order entered that grants his time with his son. He also stated that problem began when he went to get son and the mother refused to give him and he became irate, yelling and screaming at her. He approached her and threatened to blow up the house, blow up her vehicle and break another vehicles window's. The mother states she was in fear that he would catch her and beat her when she leaves the house. There has been previous Domestic Violence here where the boyfriend allegedly placed a knife at her throat, taking the knife and cutting off her hair. He physically fought her.

August 19th, 2013

At 2325hrs, officers were dispatched to the 200 Block of Goodell on a report of a large unruly party, and possibly underage drinking. When officers arrived they could hear loud music coming from the back of a housing unit. Contact was made with the main group. Another officer

observed 2 males walking north through the Goodell & Marion alley. One 19 year old male was identified and he told the officer that he wasn't doing anything wrong. The officer told him to walk towards him so they could speak without having to raise their voices and told him if he ran he would be arrested. The male pause for 5 seconds then took off running and hopped a fence into a backyard and continued running. The officer chased him and observed the male throw an object behind the vacant home when the officer caught up with the male, the male stated "Ok man, I'm just playing, I'm coming out." He walked to the front of the house and was detained. The officer asked the male what he threw behind the house. The male said "nothing". Officers search the area behind the house and discovered a Johnson 38 caliber revolver lying partially on top of the tall grass near the house. The male was placed under arrest for CCW and transported to the police station, where he was booked allowed to make a phone call, then housed. The weapon and live .38 caliber rounds were made safe, tagged and secured.

August 22nd, 2013

At 1500hrs, officers were dispatched to the First Block of Pine & West Jefferson to investigate a possible Parental Kidnapping complaint. A 23 year old female told officers that her 4 year old daughter has been with her 24 year old father for 8 days. She states incident began on August 14th, 2013, when her 53 year old father released the baby to him. The baby's father was supposed to bring her home on the 15th, but never did. She states no contact has been made with the baby's father and she has tried numerous times to make contact with him to return her daughter but was unable to. She doesn't believe that the daughter is any type of dangerous but she wants the baby back.

Robichaud

from pge 11A

and juniors Paul Norrick and Malik Johnson battle it out at the other guard spot. Running the show at quarterback will be senior Shaquille Martin, who played in 2011 but did not play last year. "He's an athlete and he's got an arm, so we've been working him at the quarterback spot," Demps said. Looking to carry the load in the backfield will be a pair of transfers in junior Jalen Walker and senior Damoni Bourne, who came to Robichaud from Detroit Pershing and Douglass, respectively. Sophomore Michael Carter also figures to see time in the backfield. At the receiver spots will be senior Travelle Naylor and Lamar Calvin, who also transferred from Douglass. Aaron Thompson, who has been getting some attention from Division 1 colleges, will man the tight end position. Trayvon Clayton (younger brother of Marquise) will be an X factor for the Bulldogs. "He's an athlete, and he's a burner," he said. "He'll be all over the field for us." Demps said that the defense is the strength of the team right now, and will look to

attack and get after opponents from a constantly shifting 3-4 front. Clayton and the Manion brothers will be the three down linemen in the front. "Marquise is gonna be a beast at the nose for us," Demps said. "He'll demand a double team and maybe even a triple team." Simpkins and returning senior Will Melchor will anchor the inside linebacker spots, while the outside linebacker spots look to be handled by Martin and junior Orlando Root. Naylor, Thompson, Bourne, and Trayvon Clayton will make up the defensive backfield. Demps said that now that his offensive coordinator, Terrance Blevins, is able to spend more time with the team, the offense will come together. "As we go along, I think we'll get together." But will they be ready for today's home tilt against Pontiac Notre Dame Prep at 7 p.m.? "They're pretty tough, but I think we match up well with them," Demps said. "We have to stay disciplined and do what we need to do, I think it'll be a pretty good game."

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**Publish: August 30, 2013**

CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC BUILDING FOR SALE**

**CITY OF ECORSE**

The City of Ecorse is selling the following surplus building:

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Bids will be publicly opened on September 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ecorse City Council chamber, City Hall, 3869 W. Jefferson; Ecorse, MI 48229.

John Openlander  
City Administrator  
August 22, 2013

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

**CITY OF RIVER ROUGE, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held in the City Council chambers of City Hall on August 7, 2013 Meeting called to order at 7:49pm

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

The following Commissioners were present:  
Campbell, Perry, Pierce, Pruneau, Ward  
Absent: None  
Excused: Kerns

13-205 Approve the minutes of July 16, 2013  
13-206 Voucher approval  
13-207 Business license approval  
13-208 Approve the purchase of a new police vehicle  
13-209 Approve the budget for the DDA for 2013-2014  
13-210 Approval of building permits  
13-211 Award the bid for recycled park benches to Polly Products  
13-212 Approval to go to bid for the installation of new benches  
13-213 Approval of grant award from the Senior Alliance  
13-214 Approval of the Annual Implementation Plan for the Senior Alliance for 2013  
13-215 Block party approvals  
13-216 Approval of collaboration with Karmonos Ctr. And Wayne County for health service registration  
13-217 Approve a community garden at 30 Nieman  
13-218 Approve the sale of the empty lot at 106 Batavia  
13-219 Approve the sale of the empty lot at 103 Catherine  
13-220 Approval to authorize payment for an emergency demolition  
13-221 Approval to go to bid for the demolition of 331 Polk  
13-222 Motion to adjourn

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office. (313) 842-5604.

Susan P. Joseph  
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# Project We HOPE Youth conference a success

By Christian Young - Contributing Writer



State senator Bert Johnson (D-Detroit)

School isn't in session yet? Try telling that to the youth that attended the first annual Project We HOPE Dream and Believe Back to School Conference this past Saturday.

The first annual event was held at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Fairlane Center, and was a resounding success.

With a plethora of visitors and activities, ranging from a Michigan State policeman, to a community organizer, to editors, to magazine publishers, and covering topics ranging from teen violence and bullying, to entrepreneurship, education and the dropout-to-prison pipeline, no stone was unturned and nothing went unexplored. And that is exactly the way event organizer, Inkster native, and Project We Hope Dream and Believe founder Aaron Sims wanted it. "I feel excited, man. This is like a blessing in disguise, having the youth show up for an event like this, you cant ask for nothing more," he said.

Sims had previously organized a youth conference as the president of the NAACP's Western Wayne County Branch, but this is his first as the head of his own non-profit organization.

"When I ventured off to do my own non-profit, this is what we wanted to start at and give our youth something to look forward to in the future," Sims said. "So we brought in key people to help direct and get everyone on the right path." Sims and his constituents left no stone unturned in bringing in those people. The conference rolled out a roster of heavy hitters such as Wayne County Assistant CEO Hester Wheeler, state representative David Knezek (D-Dearborn Heights). State senator Bert Johnson (D-Detroit) served as

the keynote speaker, and he delivered a message that struck with urgency with some of the youth, and reminded them that while things are not always what they seem, one must always be careful to present their best self, from dress, to mannerisms, to speaking.

"It's OK to speak in a broken tongue or slang every once in a while, in a informal setting, but not when it counts," Johnson said. "You have a responsibility to not say or do anything to cause anyone to mistake you for that which you are not!"

He brought a young man up to the forefront, and acted out a scenario where he and the young man were riding in a car and got pulled over with weed and a gun in the car.

He said "Now, Trayvon has some decisions to make. Does he speak up to save himself, or does he stick with the no-snitching code? He didn't know that there was weed in the car, but he's my friend."

As if that scenario didn't drive home the need to make the right decisions, Johnson cited his own wrong turn in his youth.

"20 years ago, I couldn't have been saying all of this to you, because 20 years ago, I was in jail," he said. "I was in jail because me and my friends wanted to do something stupid and decided to rob the Oakland Hills Country Club."

He was convicted and served a 14-month sentence for the crime, but has since turned his life around and implored the youth to not make foolish decisions.

Community organizer Desirae Tolbert, who directed the class on teen violence, had great things to say about the conference.

"I had worked with Aaron before with the Western Wayne NAACP, and we were both students here at U-M Dearborn. He knows a bit about what I do, and he knew that I would be a really great fit for the kids, so he invited me a couple of months back to talk to the kids and gave me a topic, and I went with it."

The true measure of success came from the engagement of the youth, and the conference scored off the charts in this area, as many of the youth in attendance were actively participating and discussing the workshops.

"It felt very empowering," said Cameron Campbell, a 16-year-old student at Detroit Benjamin Carson High School for Science and Medicine. "My favorite part was talking about the black community with the state senator."

Dashondra Harmon, a recent graduate of Inkster High School, also felt very good about the conference.

"I really enjoyed Ms. Fleming's class about the dropout rates, and I got a lot of information about dropouts and where some kids will end up if they do drop out. Overall I felt that it was very informational."

She also said that Johnson's words "gave the kids a little bit more eye-opening to certain situations and showed that you need to pick who you hang out with wisely, because you don't know if they've been in crimes beforehand. I thought that demonstration was very helpful."

When asked if she would return for next year's conference, she said "Definitely. I would like to see more kids involved."

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# Black patrons refused service because their presence made white customer uncomfortable



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In North Charleston, South Carolina last month, a group of 25 black patrons waiting patiently and orderly for 2 hours at a "Wild Wing" restaurant to be seated.

They were there to help Michael Brown celebrate his cousin's last day in Charleston. But then, the shift manager told them that there was a "situation" developing.

"She said there's a situation where one of our customers feels threatened by your party, so

she asked us not to seat you in our section, which totally alarmed all of us because we're sitting there peaceably for two hours," explains Brown. "Obviously, if we were causing any conflict, we would have been ejected out of the place hours before."

Brown says while he was talking to the shift manager, someone in his group began videotaping the conversation. Brown says that's when the manager became upset and refused to seat them.

"I asked her I want to be clear with you," says Brown. "I said so you're telling me I have to leave."

She said I have a right to deny you service. I said so you're asking me to leave because you're upset because he was recording you, after we've waited for two hours, and after you've already pretty much discriminated on us, and she answered yes."

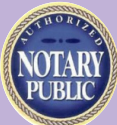
Brown says several calls were made to the corporate office in Mt. Pleasant, but he says they did not receive a call back, so he took to Facebook with this post Thursday.

I will never go to Wild wings cafe in N. Chs again! We (Party of 25 family and friends) waited 2hrs, patiently and were refused service because another customer (White) felt threatened by us. This type of racial discrimination is unacceptable and we have to put a STOP TO IT. The manager looked me dead in the face and said she was refusing us service because she had a right to and simply she felt like it. DO NOT SUPPORT THIS ESTABLISHMENT... PLEASE SHARE THIS POST... We need your help.

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Dear Ayana, I've been picking a coworker up for work and dropping him off for the last 3 months. He said that his car was giving him some problems and that it would just be until he could get it fixed. I really didn't mind at first since he lives close by and I'm not going out of my way to pick him up. The first couple of times he offered me gas money and bought my lunch for that day. Around the third time that he offered, I politely declined because he had shared with me that the part for his car would be more than expected and that he had asked his parents for a loan. That was 2 months ago. He hasn't offered again since then and I've also overheard other staff members talking about how he only takes his car out on the weekend because it uses premium gas! I was stunned when I heard this; I didn't see him as that kind of guy. I should point out that we do not have a romantic relationship and that I don't feel that way about him. I really was just trying to help someone who I thought was

in a jam. I'm not very confrontational but I feel like if I don't say something, I'll become his permanent ride to and from work. Help! Taxi Cab

Dear Taxi Cab, Before you let him ride shotgun another day you need to lay down some rules-and stick to them. Find out what a taxi would cost him to ride both to and from work every day, then, charge him that rate. Don't go back on your original rate either. It doesn't matter if he's on your route to work; if you weren't taking him, he'd either find someone else or PAY a cab. You have been his free cab ride for months now. If you're a little nervous about how the conversation should be approached, try this: "If you're going to continue to need a ride every day, I'm going to need some gas money." That should do it. If he tries to reason with you, PLEASE show him the door-just make sure you're not in "drive". In all seriousness, it seems like he knew you would be kind enough to be his free ride. I commend you for your kind heart. But be clear about the difference between a kind gesture and being someone's doormat. Some people see kindness as weakness. However, that doesn't mean that you shouldn't be good-natured. Just be mindful of peoples' true intentions and always go with your gut. If something seems a little shady, it probably is. I hope all goes well for you! Ayana

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"A critical step in addressing climate change across the country is getting the EPA to regulate industrial pollution at the federal level," said Patrick Geans of the Sierra Club.

The Fishless Fish Fry is a community awareness initiative of the Sierra Club and the National Climate Action Campaign in support of President Obama's climate action initiatives. In June, the president proposed new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) carbon pollution standards on new power plants, and toxic water effluent limitation guidelines on existing industrial facilities like the one in River Rouge.

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