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Ice Cream Truck Driver 'Entrepreneur now Hero'

Put His Life In Danger To Protect Kids



Birl Williamson from Ecorse

DEARBORN - Birl Williamson, who can always be seen smiling and waving to the community as he sells ice cream during the summer months in the downriver community. However as he was driving his ice cream truck on Saturday, he became a hero. But he paid a price for that. Witnesses say Williamson was trying to tell everyone in

the street to be careful while kids were buying ice cream in the street at Amazon and Dix in Dearborn. That's when he saw a motorcycle careening down the street right toward his young customers.

Williamson pushed a 5-yearold girl aside and took the brunt of the bike's force himself. His sister is stunned Hero on page 3A

President Obama meets with Congressional Leaders on Syria



(Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)
President Barack Obama meets with Members of Congress
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Sept. 3, 2013.

President Barack Obama meets with Members of Congress to discuss Syria in the Cabinet Room of the White House, Sept. 3, 2013. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

Today President Obama met with Congressional leaders to discuss the situation in Syria. "We have high confidence that Syria used, in an indis-

President Obama page 2A

Lee Steel comes to Romulus



Mayor Alan R. Lambert during his visit to Lee Steel, hosted by the Taylor family. In the photo are Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert (left); Tom Taylor, Vice President of Sales; Zack Taylor, President; and Scott Taylor, Supply Quality Manager.

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President Obama

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criminate fashion, chemical weapons that killed thousands of people, including over 400 children, and in direct violation of the international norm against using chemical weapons," President Obama explained. "That poses a serious national security threat to the United States and to the region, and as a consequence, Assad and Syria needs to be held accountable."

I've made a decision that America should take action. But I also believe that we will be much more effective, we will be stronger, if we take action together as one nation. And so this gives us an opportunity not only to present the evidence to all of the leading members of Congress and their various foreign policy committees as to why we have high confidence that chemical weapons were used and that Assad used them, but it also gives us an opportunity to discuss why it's so important that he be held to account.

President Obama said he is asking Congress for hearings and a vote on taking military action, and emphasized that the plan developed by the Joint Chiefs does not involve boots on the ground:

This is a limited, proportional

step that will send a clear message not only to the Assad regime, but also to other countries that may be interested in testing some of these international norms, that there are consequences. It gives us the ability to degrade Assad's capabilities when it comes to chemical weapons. It also fits into a broader strategy that we have to make sure that we can bring about over time the kind of strengthening of the opposition and the diplomatic and economic and political pressure required so that ultimately we have a transition that can bring peace and stability not only to Syria but to the region

Lee Steel

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ROMULUS – Lee Steel, one of the City of Romulus' most highly anticipated new firms, is open for business.

The third-generation distributor of flat-rolled carbon steel products known for its industry-leading technology has opened a 200,000-square-foot steel-service center on greenfield property in Romulus at 36320 Eureka Road next to the I-275 freeway.

The ground breaking took place about a year ago. The official opening date was June 1.

The center will be fully functional in the fourth quarter of 2013, President Zachary Taylor said. Two 72-inch slitting lines have been installed. Work continues on a new acid-less, environmentally-friendly pickling line inside the facility.

Taylor said his Novi-based firm had outgrown its Detroit location as demand for its product continued to grow. New technology helped prompt a search for a new facility. He said they discovered the right site in Romulus with rail on one side, freeway access on the other and Detroit Wayne County Metropolitan Airport around the corner.

"It's great to be in Romulus," Taylor said. "We've already got two or three new customers just because they saw our frontage after landing at the airport."

Mayor Alan R. Lambert, who met with Taylor early on in his location search process, welcomed Taylor, his sons Thomas and Scott, and company staff to the city during a tour of the cavernous facility in August.

"We have been so excited since Zack Taylor announced they were looking in Romulus," Mayor Lambert said. "They are adding to our tax base, providing jobs and becoming wonderful corporate citizens of our city."

Mayor Lambert touted the project in his 2013 State of the City Address. The Mayor praised

the Taylor family and said Lee Steel helped resurrect the city's fireworks display by providing necessary funding.

Taylor said his father founded a small business in Dearborn in 1947 that grew and moved to Detroit in the early 1970s. Taylor joined the staff in 1974. Now his sons are vice presidents in the business.

Taylor said the firm outgrew the Detroit site "almost immediately, but we found out how to make it work. We bought new equipment, production doubled and the plant became too small."

Headquarters were opened in Novi and the company expanded to Grand Rapids and now Romulus. Today, Lee Steel serves customers throughout North and South America, providing a full range of flat rolled steel. Products include hot rolled steel, cold rolled steel and exposed coated products. The firm supplies slit coils and precision blanks, all processed in-house utilizing the most state-of-the-art equipment available.

City Planner Carol Maise said the Romulus facility will include an extended rail line, tree and wetland preservation and beautiful landscaping. The Romulus property will include a DTE Substation with an 80-foot-high wireless communication tower.

The pickling line, purchased from Red Bud Industries Inc., will feature Eco-Pickled Surface (EPS) technology, a patented alternative process to traditional acid pickling. The process removes mill scale from hot rolled black strip steel just as effectively as acid pickling, but uses water and steel grit instead of chemicals. Taylor said the only byproducts are steam and spent grit, which gets recycled.

"It's a beautiful product," Taylor said. "We will be one of the first to have EPS in our area. It's the future."

Gloucester's Rebellion: Another Lesson About Our Character

By Benjamin Todd Jealous - President of the NAACP



Ben Jealous

Three hundred years before a multiracial coalition stormed Washington's National Mall to demand equal rights and economic justice, the working men of Gloucester County, Va., made a stand of their own based on class, not race. We often ask whether Martin Luther King Jr. would recognize the world in 2013, but it is equally valid to ask whether he would have recognized the world of 1663, when Black and White children of slaves and servants did play together in the tobacco fields.

One of the forgotten landmarks of civil rights history occurred 350 years ago Sunday: Sept. 1, 1663. This day marks the first recorded instance of African slaves and European indentured servants standing together for justice against the ruling elite.

The Gloucester County Conspiracy took place at a time when Virginia tobacco growers relied on both slaves and indentured servants to farm tobacco. Management treated their workers with cruel abandon, regardless of color.

Unwilling to accept their fate, a group of black and white workers met in secret to plan a revolt. After securing weapons and a drum, they would "march from house to house" until they reached the mansion of Royal Governor Sir William Berkeley. They would demand their freedom, and resort to force if necessary.

Though the plot failed, the landowners recognized the power that the Gloucester rebels possessed when banded together. Over the next several decades, they sought to breed racial contempt between the white and black members of the underclass. On the plantation level, they gave whites nominal control in the field. On the colony level, they allowed whites to join the militia and carry firearms. As historian Edmund Morgan writes, the landowners used racism as a device for control.

On this 350th anniversary, the Gloucester rebellion can teach us as much about our character as the March on Washington.

The rebels in Gloucester recognized what King memorialized in his famous remarks: we are, by our nature, capable of great things when we judge one another solely on the content of our character, not by the color of our skin.

The original state of race relations in America is one of shared struggle, not mutually assured destruction. It is ultimately the introduction of an outside variable - money, power, or the desire for control - that tends to alter that natural state.

It turns out that 2013 is a perfect year for this lesson. The fight for voting rights is making its own 50th anniversary curtain call, in the form of the Supreme Court's decision in Shelby County v. Holder and countless voter suppression laws that affect African-Americans but also Americans of all colors, ages and incomes. The failed War on Drugs continues to destroy families in black inner city America, and, increasingly, white rural America.

Finally, 45 years after King was killed in the midst of his Poor People's Campaign, low-wage workers of all hues are organizing across geographic and demographic lines to demand a higher minimum wage.

Politics is a lot like physics. For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction, and objects in motion eventually return to their original state. As we tackle these challenges, let us consider that the original state of race relations in America may be one of unity and that the possibility of moving beyond our nation's legacy of racism is obtainable.

In his 1869 speech "Our Composite Nationality," Frederick Douglass wrote about the unique phenomenon and mission of America. On this anniversary, let us remember his words: "Our geographical position, our relation to the outside world, our fundamental principles of Government ... our vast resources, requiring all manner of labor to develop them, and our already existing composite population, all conspire to one grand end, and that is to make us the most perfect national illustration of the unity and dignity of the human family, that the world has ever seen."

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Program Returns Foreclosed Borrowers to Homeownership

By Charlene Crowell - NNPA Columnist



In the aftermath of more than 2.5 million foreclosures, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) is now offering a homeownership program that will put previously troubled borrowers on a fasttracked return to the home ownership market. The new program, known as "Back to Work Extenuating Circumstance," cuts the standard three-year waiting period to only 12 months.

According to Charles Coulter, HUD's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Single Family Housing,

"We understand that families occasionally experience financial difficulties that are simply beyond their control. We already have a policy allowing for exceptions to this waiting period when there is an extraordinary life event. This Mortgagee Letter is a targeted expansion of that policy.

"As part of FHA's ongoing mission" Coulter continued, "we want to make sure that qualified borrowers are not being unnecessarily shut out of the market. We 're looking forward to working with our industry partners to strengthen our housing market, to protect FHA's insurance fund, and to make certain access to credit remains available for future generations of homeowners."

That's good news for borrowers who lost their home because of specific financial hardships but can now demonstrate they have regained previously lost financial ground. The list of eligible financial hardships reads like a list of housing crisis woes:

Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 bankruptcy Deed-in-lieu Forbearance Foreclosure Loan modification

Loss of income, employment or both that totaled at least 20 percent of previous earnings for at least six months, including copies of applicable termination notices or changes in

employment status Pre-foreclosure sales Short sales

Additionally, consumers must also meet other verifiable measures to participate in the program:

Proof of borrower's current income - usually W-2 forms or federal tax returns that show the desired mortgage would be affordable and sustainable;

Credit history pre- and post the eligible hardship event that is free from late payments or other major credit issues, including rental housing payments and accounts delinquent by 30 days or more; Credit score of at least 500;

Housing counseling by a HUDapproved counselor at least 30

days but no more than six months before submitting an FHA application.

For consumers meeting all of these criteria as well as other standing FHA mortgage guidelines, the Back to Work program is now available nationwide through FHA-approved lenders. Once participating lenders determine that mortgage applicants meet all eligibility and policy criteria, the same 3.5 percent minimum FHA down payment requirement will apply. Mortgage insurance and closing costs will also apply.

Only one FHA program is ineligible for the Back to Work program: reverse mortgages.

Earlier research by the Center for Responsible Lending found that more than 2.5 million homes were lost to foreclosure during the housing crisis. According to CoreLogic, a firm providing data and analysis to financial services companies and real estate professionals, the number of homes in some state of foreclosure dropped below the million-mark as of July 2013, to 949,000. This figure also represents a drop of 32 percent since July 2012.

Underwater mortgages, properties that are now worth less than their purchase price, also continue to haunt housing recovery. As of May 2013, Core Logic, the firm specializing in residential property information, found that 11 states had more than 1-in-5 underwater homes. The states with the seven highest numbers of underwater properties were Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, California and Illinois.

As CRL has stated before, the housing crisis is not yet over. But programs that enable former troubled borrowers to regain the pride of home ownership and the chance to build family wealth have to be good news.

Charlene Crowell is a communications manager with the Responsible Center for Lending. She can be reached at Charlene.crowell@responsiblelending.org.

Hero

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about what happened to her brother.

He has two broken legs with a pin in both knees and both ankles. His face is super swollen. He has stitches in his head," she said. She says he doesn't remember what happened.

"He kept asking, 'What happened?' And I told him he was in an accident in Dearborn and he saved a little girl's life, and he asked, 'Did I save the girl?' I said, 'Yes you did,' so he tried to cry," she said.

The Williamsons are clinging to the notion that Birl did what his parents raised him to do: think of others. "I am super excited that he did it for someone and was trying to save someone else's life to make their family life situation better, and because of that I know he's a blessed child," said his sister.

Birl Williamson's ice cream selling season is over as the truck goes into storage. However, it's the beginning of a long road to recovery.

Dearborn police are investigating the accident. No charges have been filed against the motorcyclist, who also was injured but was treated and released from the same hospital that Birl is currently in.

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Internet Service to Low-Income Students and Families for about \$10 a Month



August 27, 2013 - With the start of the school year just around the corner, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) today noted that two Michigan Internet service providers offer Internet service to lowincome students and families for approximately \$10 per

"The Internet has proven to be a necessity for success at school," said MPSC D. Chairman John Quackenbush. "With the start of the school year upon us, parents should be aware that two Internet service providers in Michigan offer Internet service for approximately \$10 per month and make computers available for approximately \$150. With prices like that, the digital divide is shrinking, making Internet service available to more and more

Michigan families. These programs are helping to achieve Michigan's goal to increase broadband access, adoption, and use."

Comcast and CenturyLink both offer programs that provide Internet service to lowincome students and families, as well as computers at heavily discounted prices. In addition, free Internet training is provided. Eligibility varies by company. Details on the programs (including additional charges that apply) are available on Connect Michigan's website: http://www.connectmi.org/partnerships

The MPSC has a public-private partnership with Connect Michigan and Connected Nation to work with local governments, businesses, and citizens in the goal of increasing broadband access, adoption and use.

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My Merchandise

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



"She perceives that her merchandise is good [profitable, ESV]." (Proverbs 31:18) The woman described in Proverbs 31 is one we are pretty familiar with. I have read several translations of verse 18. I like the KJV: She perceives that her merchandise is good.

This speaks to self-perseption, how she sees her self and the work of her hands. We know that she is a business woman. Her product is a reflection of who she is. What she puts into her craft, the time and energy, speaks volumes about her character.

As a business woman, her objective is to make a profit. This allows her to help provide for her family. In order for her business to be profitable, her merchandise must be worthy of investment from other people. Other people have to find value in what she has to offer, otherwise, they will not buy it.

Before she even puts her merchandise on the market, she must hnow that it is good. Otherwise, it will just be a waste. She has to believe in what she offers before she puts herself out there like that. We know that everything is not for everybody, but there is somebody who will find her merchandise appealing and worthy to buy.

How do you feel about your merchandise? What do you have to offer? Is it marketable and will people be willing to pay for it? Even when you are seeking employment, you have to believe that what you have to offer is good and worthy of pay before you can convince someone else to believe

When you believe in you, that's called confidence. Confidence is often mistaken for arrogance. Confidence is know that you and what you have are awesome. There is nothing wrong with that. It only becomes a problem when you start to think you are better than others or think that you are in a position to demean them.

God sees us all the same, no matter what we have accomplished. He sees good us all. We have to see it in ourselves. After all, He thought highly enough of us to send His Son to die for us. We have a high calling and we are equipped to produce great things, or merchandise. He has given us gifts, even gifts that will help us to make a living to care for our families.

Look at what you're producing. Is it good? It should be and there is nothing wrong with knowing that. If not, work on it. There is nothing worse than having a bad product and thinking it's good. Find your niche. Find what you are great at and it flows out of you. Assess yourself. Assess your work. Practice. Study. Hone. Make it great!

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GLORIA HALL May 28, 1945 – Aug 13, 2013

She graduated from Robichaud High School in 1964. She served in the medical field for over 25 vrs.

She leaves to mourn her passing and cherish her memories her two sons Walter Jr. & Eugene Jason (Christal), two grandchildren Landon & Layla Hall, sister Elizabeth, brother Frank, family and friends. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home



MARK WILLIS, JR Dec 16, 1932 – Aug 17, 2013

Born in Hamilton, Mississippi to Mark & Vinnie Mae Willis.

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memories his wife Eula Mae Willis, daughter Anna Eaddy, grandchildren, family and friends.

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GERALD HOLIFIELD

Jun 5, 1934 – Aug 18, 2013

He was a fun loving person, who enjoyed board games such as dominos, Chess, Checkers, and Card games. He loved sports and was a Detroit Tigers fanatic.

He leaves to celebrate his life and cherish his memories 3 grandchildren, Shanta, Crystal & Keyana, sister Cynthia Riley, brother John (Vernita), family and friends.

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ERIC SANDERS Aug 19, 1974 – Aug 21, 2013

He was an out going person who had many intrests such Bacgammon, Tennis, Wrestling, sports and video recording.

He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memories his parents Ned & Sandra Sanders, brother Lamar, two children, son Devante and daughter Kayla, grandparents, family and friends

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Mar 19, 1942 – Aug 23, 2013

He was a great family man who loved traveling with his family, hunting, fishing and watching sports. He had a great sense of humor and always joked and kidded with people.

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Oct 2, 1953 – Aug 25, 2013

She had a Great passion for serving the Lord, and was a True First Lady in Christ. She was a loving mother and grandmother who you could always go to for help and advice.

She had one son to proceed her in death Dion. She leaves to mourn her passing and cherish her memories her daughter Shawntica, 2 sons, Kevin & Jason, grandchildren, family, friends, and church family. She will truly be missed.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.

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TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER'S SENIOR STAR



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

MRS. RUTH GREEN



Mr. James Green & Mrs. Ruth Green

Caswell-Green Ruth was born to Mr. & Mrs. Caswell on Polk St. in River Rouge, MI, on April 9, 1923. Before she could walk, her father took her to Union Second Baptist Church on his shoulders. At the age of 12 she was baptized, by Rev Copeland. Ruth was a faithful and dedicated member, singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School and later joined the mission. remains an active member of the Mission at the church as of today and

Ruth attended school in the River Rouge district where she graduated in 1940. Her first job was at Lane Bryant in Detroit. She also worked at Outer Drive Hospital in Lincoln Park as a nurse aid for 30 years. Helping others and meeting people is a very enjoyable thing for

she still visits the sick.

Ruth.

Ruth met the love of her life James Green and after dating a year, they married. Ruth and James were blessed with four sons, Carl, James, Larry and Harvey. Ruth was married to James for almost 50 years before he went home to the Lord.

Ruth wrote a book called "Growing up in River Rouge" that was copyrighted. She has many enjoyable hobbies, like ceramic class making large vases and elephants for her family. She loved to crochet, knit, and macramé. She was a seamstress, who designed her own clothing for family and friends. Ruth modeled her clothing designs for 5 years. She also enjoyed playing tennis, and square dancing over the years. Ruth along with her husband were also active members with the NAACP for 10 years.

Ruth had the pleasure of traveling with the following clubs: Mr. & Mrs. Club, The senior citizens club, Miss VieVay Club, and the Class of 1940 Club. She traveled crisscrossing all over the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Islands and enjoyed going to New York City the most.

Mrs. Green's favorite food is collard green, ham hocks, corn bread and pear pie. When asked who her favorite artist is, she quickly said B. B King. The

words she lives by is "Be careful how you treat other people. They may be the last people who take care of you.

By the grace of God, Ruth has been blessed with 90 years of life and living in River Rouge, MI. Ruth has always felt that 'There is no better place than living in River Rouge.' She celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends earlier this year. She said, "I have had 89 birthdays, but the 90th is the best ever."

Mrs. Green wanted to send out a special thank you to everyone that made her 90th birthday so special.



Mrs. Ruth Green with her sons Larry, Carl and James. Son Harvey died in an accident while at work.



Mrs. Green's Grandchildren



Mrs. Green and Mayor Bowdler and Mayor Pro Tem Karen Ward

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(BPRW) Bartech wins managed service provider (MSP) agreement with Phillips 66



(BLACK PR WIRE) -- SOUTH-FIELD, Mich.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Bartech Group, Inc. (Bartech), a leader in global workforce management and staffing solutions, proudly announces the win of Phillips 66's agreement for Managed Service Provider/Vendor Management Solution as of July 2013. Phillips 66 chose Bartech to provide management of its contingent workforce due to their industry leading approach to cost management, risk mitigation, solution design, delivery and overall high-touch consultation.

The contract, implemented in phases over the next few years, will consist initially of managing Phillips 66's contingent labor (temporary workforce) in the United States and will eventually include other locations around the globe.

Phillips 66 is a growing energy manufacturing and logistics company with high-performing Chemicals, Midstream, Refining, and Marketing and Specialties businesses. With more than 13,500 employees, Phillips 66 needed to secure an MSP partner, after its spinoff from ConocoPhillips in 2012.

"We are thrilled with the confidence that Phillips 66 has in Bartech to manage its contingent workforce," Bartech President and CEO, David About Bartech Barfield said. "We look forward to assisting Phillips 66 with its workforce management solution and are excited about the partnership and the value we will drive together."

Bartech's diversity strategy was a factor in Phillips 66's decision, including a unique program called Diversity Delivers in which the entire Bartech team mentors, supports and ensures successful performance of diverse-owned staffing suppliers including: minority, woman, veteran, and disabled-led firms and historically under-utilized business-

"The National Minority Supplier Development Council applauds Phillips 66 for its

recent selection of The Bartech Group to provide contingent workforce management solutions," said NMSDC President, Joset Wright-Lacy. "The Bartech Group is an award-winning supplier within the NMSDC Network. The selection of this highly-qualified firm underscores the value and commitment Phillips 66 places on supplier diversity and including minority suppliers in its global supply chain."

Outsourcing contingent labor strategies allows company resources to address other priorities. Bartech's phased implementation methodology combines **Project** Management Institute best practices and applied experience from years of implementing and transitioning more than 150 MSP programs. The first phase of implementation is taking place at Phillips 66's headquarters in Houston, Texas.

"This award is of particular significance to Bartech because it is our first in the oil and gas industry. We feel that Phillips 66 presented a focused and detailed procurement process, which mirrored well with Bartech's own strategic client profile, resulting in the alignment of a very positive partnership," stated Penny Queller, Sr. VP of Global Solutions, Bartech.

Bartech is an industry-leading professional services firm delivering workforce staffing solutions to Global 1000 firms. Bartech helps clients improve their market position through greater efficiency, transparency and reduced operational risks. With a 36-year proven track record, Bartech continues to receive top industry recognition for its solutions. www.bartechgroup.com.

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RIVER ROUGE DAYS 2013 SCHEDULE

September 6 through September 8. 2013

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FRIDAY

« Opening Ceremonies«Flag Raising Rouge DaysCelebration

SATURDAY

- « Horseshoe Contest
- « Car Show
- « Parade
- « Girls Softball All Star Game

SUNDAY

- « Archery Contest
- « Pancake Breakfast
- « Mariachi Band
- « Hole In One Contest

ALL WEEKEND LONG

« Beer Tent, Wheel Barrel of Cheer Raffle, Bake SaleDunk Tank

FRIDAY SEPT 6, 2013 Park Opens @ 5:00 PM

5PM-I1PM

Carnival Midway Opens Memorial Park RR Days Committee

5PM-12AM

Beer & Wine Tent OPEN Grt Lks St. Tennis Ct RR Goodfellows

5PM-12AM

K of C Wheel Barrel of Cheer Raffle Memorial Park RR

5:30PM

Opening Ceremonies Flag Pole Mayor Michael D. Bowdler

5:30PN

Flag Raising Flag Pole RRHS MJROTC

8PM-12AM

PHASE FIVE-THE SOUND OF MOTOWN Beer Tent RR Days Committee

SAT SEPT 7, 2013 Park Opens at 10:00am

10AM-11PM

Carnival Midway Opens Memorial Park RR Days Committee

10AM-11PM

K of C Wheel Barrel of Cheer Raffle Memorial Park Knights of Columbus

10AM

Pick-up Horseshoe Tournament Memorial Park RR Days Committee

10AM-4PM

CAR SHOW Front of Memorial Pk John Poe & Friends

10AM-6PM

Book Sale & Crafts for Kids Memorial Park River Rouge Library

10AM-7PM

River Rouge Schools / BAKE SALE Memorial Park River Rouge Schools

10AM-7PM

River Rouge Schools Information Center Memorial Park River Rouge Schools

11AM-12AM

Beer & Wine Tent OPEN Beer Tent RR Goodfellows

12PM-6PM

Emergency Notification System Sign-up Police Trailer RRPD

12PM

PARADE W. Jefferson Ave. RR Days Comm.

12PM-6PM

Petting Zoo Memorial Park RR Days Committee

12PM-6PM

Dunk Tank Memorial Park RRHS MJROTC

1PM-4PM

Firehouse Memorial Park RR Police & Fire Dept.

2PM

Girls Softball All Star Game Great Lakes Ball Field Girls Softball League

2PM

Sisters Network-Breast Cancer Walk Front of Memorial Pk Sister's Network

2PM-3:30PM

ZUMBA Memorial Park Friends of the Rouge

2:00PM

Balloon Man Pavilion RR Days Committee

4:30PM-5:30PM Safari Animal Show Pavilion RR Days Committee

4PM-7PM

WAR FOR THE GOLD-Pro Wrestling Match Front of Memorial Pk Girls Softball League

7:30PM

Softball Championship-Under the Lights Great Lakes All Field RR Goodfellows

8PM

Nandez-The Band Beer Tent

SUNDAY SEPT 8, 2013 Events Begin at 8:00am

8AM-NOON

Fishing Derby-Boy & Girls Age 5-13yrs old Belanger Park River Rouge Men's Club

8:30 AN

Archery Contest Great Lakes Field RR Days Committee

9AM-12PM

K of C Pancake Breakfast Pavilion Knights of Columbus

11AM-1PM

Mariachi Band Pavillion RR Days Committee

10AM

Pick up Horseshoe Tournament Memorial Park RR Days Committee

12PM-10PM

Beer & Wine Tent Great Lks St Tennis Ct RR Days Committee

12PM-10PM

Carnival -Midway Opens Memorial Park RR Days Committee

12PM-10PM

K of C Wheel Barrel of Cheer Raffle Memorial Park Knights of Columbus

12PM-4PM

River Rouge Historical Museum 10750 W Jefferson RR Historical Society

12PM-6PM

Petting Zoo Memorial Park RR Days Committee

12PM-6PM

Dunk Tank Memorial Park Coach Parker

1PM-4PM

Firehouse Memorial Park RR Police & Fire

1PM-5PM

Train Rides Memorial Park RR Days Committee

1PM-5PM

Hole In One Contest-Adults Only Great Lakes Field RR Days Committee

2PM-4PM

Wax Hands (Ages 4-13) Memorial Park RR Days Committee

3PM-4PM

Safari Animal Show Memorial Park RR Days Committee

4PM-7PM

Pet Immunizations Memorial Park RR Animal Shelter



ROUGE DAYS WEEKEND PARK RULES

- ABSOLUTELY NO VEHICLES OR PARKING OF VEHICLES IN MEMORIAL PARK
- NO ONE UNDER 21 will be allowed in the BEER TENT after 9PM
- All alcoholic beverages MUST be consumed inside the beer tent!
- No coolers or bottles allowed inside the beer tent at any time!

•No pets/animals allowed in the park
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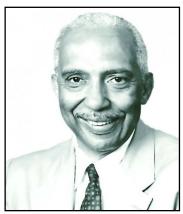
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Plastic Can Make You Sick

Special to the NNPA from the New York Amsterdam News



Dr. Gerald Deas
What did we do before we had plastic? How did we survive? We have plastic cups, dishes, bottles and wrappings for food. If it wasn't for plastic shower curtains, we would not be able to sing in the shower without water splashing all

over. We are a converted plastic generation that's addicted to plastic gods. We even have trees and flowers made from plastic. The difference between a plastic tree and those produced by our Creator is that plastic trees don't grow; they only collect dust. Plastic is not biodegradable and is not friendly to our planet. Eating plastic will not extend your lifespan.

What is plastic? It is a manmade product created from man-made chemicals. It was not made to eat, drink or be absorbed by the body. It was really created to make life more convenient. Plastic is made up of chemicals, the names of which are too long to remember; however, these chemicals have recently been found to be toxic to the body. Researchers have put us on notice that plastics may be related to colon cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer. Plastics are used to coat the insides of cans containing foods and drinks. These chemicals can break down over a period of time, producing other unknown chemicals. Plastic bottles, which have taken the place of glass containers, have been found to contain toxic materials. How many plastic containers do you use everyday without knowing the consequences?

One of the main ingredients in plastics is BPA (bisphenol A). It is so toxic that Canada has issued a ban on BPA in baby bottles. Even cans that contain infant formulas are lined with these chemicals. Breast milk and milk from glass bottles is healthier for babies. Manufacturers have been warned to label the contents of plastic containers.

I would suggest the following to eliminate the toxic effects of plastic use:

Use only glass containers for the storage of food and drinks. Don't use plastic wrappings to preserve foods. Don't put plastic utensils in dishwashers or microwave ovens. Wrap foods for future use in wax paper under foil. Eat fresh or frozen foods in place of canned as often as possible.

To keep your health in topnotch condition, I suggest that you get more information from a publication called Environmental Nutrition by writing to P.O. Box 420235, Palm Coast, FL 32142-0235 or calling 1-800-829-5384.

FUN EVENTS Live DJ, Race Awards & Prizes, Food, Games for kids, and Fun for the whole family! T-shirts for all preregistered runners and while supplies last for late registrants. Saturday, October 12, 2013 Registration Begins: 9:00 am - 10:00 am 5K Begins @ 10:30am 6200 Fourth St, Romulus, MI 48174 \$30 (18 and above) Registration Fees: \$40 after October 11 \$25 (Ages 13-17) \$25 after October 11 \$10 (Ages 12 & under) \$15 after October 11 For more information please contact Jason A. Malloy at 1-888-695-6575 or nextlevelsports55@gmail.com. To download registration form and volunteer go to www.nextlevel55.com Runners will register at Romulus Community Baptist Church at 6200 Fourth St., Romulus MI 48174 Register online at active.com and type in the race name: Dominate Diabetes

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Bobby's World Candy Shop and Salon owner Bobby Thompson held a Back 2 School Jam session for the local children right in front of his business on Jefferson Ave in River Rouge. Numerous book bags filled to capacity with supplies were then raffled off and won by these children.

Low-Cost vaccination Clinic returning to Inkster



Tail Wagger's 1990, a local 501 C (3) non-profit organization, is returning with their low-cost vaccination clinic to Pet Suite Retreat in Inkster on Sunday, September 15th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

In a strong effort to enable pet owners to affordably vaccinate all their animals, Tail Wagger's 1990 conducts multiple, low-cost vaccination clinics throughout Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston Counties. These clinics are open to everyone, regardless of income level and pet owners are encouraged to take advantage of this simple way to get their pets up-to-date on their vaccinations.

The vaccination clinic will be held Sunday, September 15th at Pet Suite Retreat, 26245 Michigan Avenue in Inkster from 11a.m. – 3 p.m.

Dogs, Cats, Puppies and Kittens are encouraged to attend. For dogs: Rabies, Distemper/Parvo and Bordetella come as a pack-

age for only \$30 or can be purchased individually for only \$12/each. For cats: Rabies and Distemper can be purchased individually for only \$12/each. Microchips are available and cost \$30. Registration is included with Microchip fee.

Founder, Laura Zain says that "with the challenging times we are all facing today, it is with high hopes that people of all income levels will continue to take advantage of our Low-Cost Vaccination Clinics and get their pets properly vaccinated to avoid further health issues."

No appointment is needed but an RSVP to help us plan better is appreciated. Families/pets will be taken on a first-come first-served basis and minimal wait time is expected. To RSVP call 734-855-4077 or e-mail vaccinationclinic@yahoo.com. A complete listing of all the low-cost vaccination clinics, their times and locations can be found on the website at www.tailwaggers1990.org.

Tail Wagger's 1990 is committed to helping people help animals. It is their ultimate goal to be able to support dedicated pet owners who are in need of assistance along with providing necessary funding for those animals in emergency situations.



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Top Tech Tips for a Successful **School Year**



(StatePoint) The back to school season can be a hectic time for students. With dozens of assignments, tests and projects, it's easy for some things to get lost in the chaos.

It may start with one loose book or crumpled paper thrown into a locker or backpack, but it can quickly balloon into a disaster area without proper maintenance.

Don't let messes and disorganization stand in the way of success in the classroom. New technologies and old organization tricks can help you stay neat and organized during the back to school season:

Stay on Task

It is always smart for students

to maintain a separate section in a notebook or binder for every class. If there are several parts to one class, keep a section in the binder for each part of that class. Avoid using a different binder for each class as often it is unnecessary and will cause clutter.

Get Desks in Shape

At home and at school, desks are a place for learning, concentration and personalization for students. A lot can be learned about a student's personality by looking at items on top of the desk or inside the desk drawers.

Students can keep their desks organized and show off their personal style by using a variety of web-connected printing solutions, gadgets with touch technology and detachable hybrid PCs, such as those from HP.

For example, with the HP ENVY 4500 e-All-in-One printer, students can save time creating lab-quality photos and laser sharp documents by printing from their smartphones, tablets and Internet-connected PCs.

Connect in More Places

No matter if a student is in grade school, high school or college, having the right technology can help keep everything straight. An all-in-one desktop PC, such as the HP ENVY Rove20 All-in-One, will help streamline everything from research to art projects to book reports and study aids. With a versatile design and built-in battery, students can easily move it from room to room.

For college students, a device like the HP Split x2 is great for getting things done. It transitions effortlessly from a notebook to a tablet so students can take notes in class and then go back to the dorm to web chat with their families. More information on technology that can help students sucavailable ceed is www.HP.com.

E-Books

Consider saving space in your locker, book bag or dorm room by opting for e-textbooks. Looking up unfamiliar words, taking notes, searching for passages and highlighting sections for later review is quick and easy on an e-reader.

The school year doesn't have to be filled with messes and clutter. There are always new ways to be productive, stay organized, and live connected throughout the school year. With just some focus, determination and the right tech tools, organization can easily be achieved.

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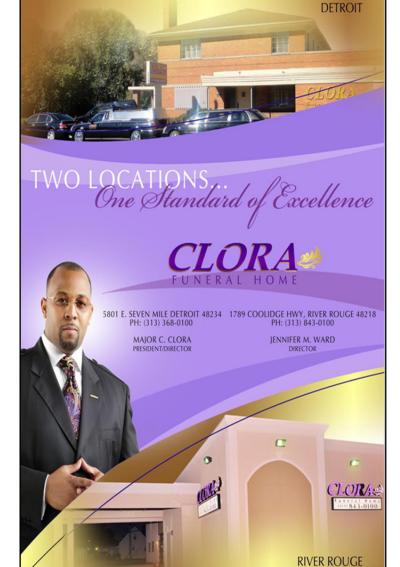
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At the Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Gardens, under the Masco Pavilion.

Delicious tea and treats from Victoria's Tea Salon. Table favors, raffles, lovely harp music, door prizes, and a special prize drawing for everyone wearing a hat. Performances by The Ballet Americana and harpist Sheryl Sukenic.

Tickets: \$30 (\$25 for children under 12). RSVP by September 11 Proceeds to benefit the Taylor Conservatory gardens and programs.

ECORSE

Connecting veterans with well-deserved benefits

The Michigan Department of Human Services has partnered with the International Gospel Center to educate veterans about the services that are available to them. They will host a Veterans Forum to open the lines of communication for veterans who have served their country. During the forum, representatives will be on hand to discuss benefits and services that veterans can apply for. Some of the agencies will include the VA, DHS, MISH-DA, Habitat for Humanity and others. Veterans will be able to talk one on one with the representatives. The forum will be held on Saturday, September 12 from 3:00pm -5:00pm at International Gospel Center located at 375 Salliotte in Ecorse, MI 48229. The event is free to all veterans and a meal will be served. To register for the event call 313-456-0057.

WESTLAND

Blues Brews & Barbecue



Save the Date! Blues, Brews and BBQ is back for the 3rd year in a row on Friday, September 20th 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm and Saturday, September 21st 11 am-10 pm.

Music LineUp
Friday September 20th
6:00 - 7:00 pm Gabrielle Wild
7:30 - 9:30 pm Robert Penn
Saturday, September 21st
12:00 - 1:00 pm Jones'n
2:00 - 3:00 pm Chris Canas

Band 4:00 - 5:00 pm Randy Brock Group

6:00 - 7:00 pm Rick Stel Project 8:00 - 9:30 pm Zydeco

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Fall Leaves and Cider Saturday, September 14.

Saturday, September 14, 2013 1:00pm- 3:00pm

Enjoy this beautiful time of year as we hike to see the fall colors, learn how to recognize our native floodplain tree species and the reasons for the color changes. Bring a light-colored T-shirt to create leaf prints as a memory of the season. Watch a short cidermaking demonstration and have a taste (sorry it has to be the pasteurized version) of cider and doughnuts. Indoor and Outdoor program, Ages 3 - Adult.

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Family Hoedown

Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 6:30 pm in Atwood Park.

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Westland Community Center located at 4635 Howe Road Wayne, MI 48184. For more infomation please call (734) 721-7400.

Residents: \$6.00 per person or \$20 for a group or family of 4 or more

Non-Residents: \$7.00 per person or \$25 for a group or family of 4 or more

Halloween Forest Fun Hike



Friday, October 18, 2013 6:00 p.m.

Register for one start time: 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., or 7:30p.m.

Each program lasts $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 hours including live animal show.

Take a guided night hike to meet our "not-so-scary and sort-of-silly" nature-related characters. These costumed creatures will tell you all about themselves! Please arrive 15 minutes before your starting time. Hikes will be outdoors, dress accordingly. Program will be moved indoors only if it's very rainy. After a 45 minute hike you will come inside to meet many amazing live creatures at an animal show! Ages 4 - Adult. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Nankin Mills.

Location: NANKIN MILLS 33175 ANN ARBOR TRAIL WESTLAND, MI 48185

Westland Public Library Book Sale



The Friends of the Library Book Sale will be held from September 19 - September 22 as follows:

The Preview Sale is a chance for members of the Friends of the Library (or those who wish to join) to get first pick in this month's book sale. The Book Sale will be open to the general public for the next three days.

September 19th Preview Book Sale: The Preview Sale is a chance for members of the Friends of the Library (or those who wish to join) to get first pick in this month's book sale. The Book Sale will be open to the general public for the next three days from 3 pm-6 pm

September 20th Book Sale: 10 am - 4 pm

September 21st Book Sale: 10 am - 4 pm

September 22nd This is the last day of the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Buy books by the bagful for just \$4. from 12 pm - 3 pm.

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HOROSCOPES

SEPTEMBER 5 - 11, 2013

ARIES

Confusion exists over some question, and every time you think you've got the answer, circumstances will change and new information will come to your attention. Don't worry, things are going to clear up and work out. Take it easy. Change the question.

Soul Affirmation: I make myself an inspiration to others this week. Lucky Numbers: 12, 19, 20

TAURUS

Communications flow smoothly this week and your word is golden. A wild idea for money making could come to you, but you should let the strictly material walk on by. Stick to your current plan and use your imagination for ways to up-level your spiritual outlook.

Soul Affirmation: I celebrate freedom of mind this week.

Lucky Numbers: 33, 42, 49 GEMINI

A party or gathering with friends from the past will give you the opportunity to see how much you are loved. You've made tremendous strides and accomplished much in your life, so be pleased with yourself this week. Pass some of your wisdom along to others.

Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for who I am this week.

Lucky Numbers: 40, 48, 55

CANCER

An afterglow will surround you this week if you summon it up from your subconscious, and you may not feel like getting immediately into work-mode on several days this week. It's okay to go with your feelings; the world will wait for a little while. Treasure happy moments.

Soul Affirmation: My smile gives light to everyone I meet this week.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 21, 38

LEO

Your mind will be extra busy this week with thoughts of new projects and the things

you want to get done. Best course of action is to clear up pending and overdue items. You'll have a clean slate in no time and will feel genuinely content and ready for the new stuff. Soul Affirmation: Light from my soul shines in many directions.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 13, 51

VIRGO

You should know by now that trying to be in two places at once is very taxing to your nerves! Slow down a bit and trust that you'll get what needs to be done accomplished. Give yourself a head start on all road trips so that you have time to enjoy the view. Love promises much this week. Accept the promise.

Soul Affirmation: My mood is created by the company I keep.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 19, 36

LIBRA

A friend from the past could suddenly appear in your life. This could be a highly beneficial reunion for both of you. Let bygones be bygones, and renew this friendship. Love isn't used up just because it's shared.

Soul Affirmation: My blessings come through others this week. Lucky Numbers: 8, 24, 53

SCORPIO

Drive the speed limit this week or you could wind up with a ticket. Why rush?

Serenity is available if you only stop and listen for it inside of you. Discharge your usual obligations with dignity and silently count your blessings.

Soul Affirmation: Friendships are the shock absorbers on the bumpy road of life.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 52, 53

SAGITTARIUS

Trust! -that's what you need to do. Sure people lie sometime but when you know their hearts you know what to expect and therefore you're not deceived. Be prepared for lots of compliments this week. Most of them will be sincere, so plan to accept them gracefully. You may be planning a summer trip. Make it a nice getaway

Soul Affirmation: I take a chance on new beginnings.

Lucky Numbers: 22, 28, 29

CAPRICORN

Live free and large, and cherish good friends. Financial matters are highlighted during working hours. Everything to do with your money, or money under your care, goes smoothly. A party invitation arrives. . . say YES!

Soul Affirmation: I open myself up to the good news that wants to come ot me.

Lucky Numbers: 33, 46, 55

AQUARIUS

Creative mental energy makes this a banner week for you. An ambition that you thought you had left behind years ago suddenly resurfaces, and you'll see similarities between what you are doing now and what you dreamed of back then. Enjoy! Soul Affirmation: Laughter is strong medicine against any dis-

Lucky Numbers: 34, 46, 55

PISCES

No need for rowdiness, wild ones! You can make your point without jumping up and down and waving your hands and arms in the air! Speak your wisdom softly, gently this week, so that others can hear it and benefit, smooth one!

Soul Affirmation: Wearing three different hats is easy for a person like me.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 27, 39

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Here's the 2013 Detroit Lions Football Club

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter



The Lions have their 53man roster as of six o'clock this Saturday past. This is the break down of the Detroit Lions roster for this upcoming season. Here we go, Lions made nine selections in April's NFL Draft. Of those, seven made the initial 53-man roster. The two who didn't -sixth-round pick Corey Fuller and seventh rounder Brandon Hepburn -- are candidates to fill two of the team's eight practice squad slots.

The majority of draft picks make the team. Undrafted rookie free agents, on the other hand, not so much. However, undrafted rookies Joseph Fauria and LaAdrian Waddle are proof that draft status and the route to an NFL practice field don't really matter - performance does. Fauria and Waddle made Detroit's initial 53-man roster after roster-trim-down-day in the NFL on Saturday.

Now here are the of the Lions that made the team listed by positions; Quarterbacks (3) Matthew Stafford, Shaun Hill,

Kellen Moore. Running backs (5) Reggie Bush, Joique Bell, Mikel Leshoure, Theo Riddick, Montell Owens. Wide receivers (6) Calvin Johnson, Nate Burleson, Broyles, Ryan Patrick Edwards, Micheal Spurlock, Kris Durham. Tight ends (3) Brandon Pettigrew, Tony Scheffler, Joseph Fauria. Offensive line (9) Riley Reiff, Jason Fox, Corey Hilliard, LaAdrian Waddle, Dominic Raiola, Rob Sims, Larry Warford, Dylan Gandy, Leroy Harris. Defensive line (9) Ndamukong Suh, Nick Fairley, C.J. Mosley, Justin Bannan, Jason Jones, Ziggy Ansah, Willie Young, Israel Idonije and Devin Taylor. Linebackers (6) Stephen Tulloch, DeAndre Levy, Ashlee Palmer, Tahir Whitehead, Travis Lewis, Rocky McIntosh. Defensive backs (9) Chris Houston, Darius Slay, Bill Bentley, Rashean Mathis, Jonte Green, Glover Quin, Louis Delmas, Don Carey and John Wendling. In addition to the Specialists (3) David Akers

(K), Sam Martin (P), Don Muhlbach (LS). That is the 53-man roster for the 2013 Detroit Lions Football Club, however, in addition here are the members of the Lions eight-man practice squad. Rodney Austin, G/C, Austin was a member of the practice squad last year. The Lions like his athleticism, however, think he needs a little more season-Shaun Chapas, RB, Chapas is a big back who can catch the ball out of the backfield and is a good lead blocker. Corey Fuller, WR

The Lions drafted the former track start turned football player in the sixth round in April with the understanding that he was a raw prospect. He'll have time to become a better route runner on the practice squad.

Chris Greenwood, CB, might physically be the most impressive cornerback the Lions have. Unfortunately, injuries have been too much of factor in the early part of his career. Coaches simply didn't see enough of him to keep him on the 53-man roster. Brandon Hepburn, LB, A seventh-round pick by the Lions this year, Hepburn has great size (6-4, 235) but wasn't quite ready to help them this vear. Steven Miller, RB, Miller has a lot of potential as a kickoff and punt returnee for the Lions. Xavier Proctor, DE, and Jimmy Saddler-McQueen, DT.

Injured reserve: Michael Williams. Look for the following men to jump in to take over a positional spot for the Lions in case of injuries to the regular roster players. The party starts this Sunday against the Minnesota Vikings at home so, "Let's go Lions."

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High School Football News and Results

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter

River Rouge Panthers Head Football Coach, Corey Parker lead his team with a start on the road, 153 miles, 2 hours 22 minutes away from home as they took on a very good team from the tough OK Conference (White Division), Lowell High School. Results were not that great for Panthers Tyler Sherlow 65 yard touchdown interception run and a 38-yard touchdown run, in addition to seven first have penalties for River Rouge and trailing in the first half by the score of 42-0, well, this may be a wake up call and/or a blessing for a much better football season for the Panther ahead. The final score 49-0 Red Arrows. Rouge will take on Detroit Christian Westside Panthers Stadium tonight 7:00pm. In last weeks other feature game, seniors Jason Doyle, KleSean Clark, Malik Boynton and Quincy Gibbs all chipped in as the Melvindale Cardinals ran over Allen Park by the final score of 40-13, last Thursday in a matchup of two teams considered to be in the hunt for the Downriver League title. Two plays after recovering an Allen Park fumble, Doyle completed his first pass of the game on a dumpoff to Clark, who shed a couple of tackles and scampered for a 24-yard touchdown to go up 6-0 at 8:55 in the first quarter. Allen Park broke through and evened the score at 5:56 in the second quarter as Nick Fulton connected with Ryan Oakley on a 3-yard touchdown on fourth-and-goal, set up by runs of 24 and 11 yards by Mann Andrade. On the Melvindale contrary, answered right back on its ensuing possession Quincy Gibbs (71 yards, 11 carries) capped off a fourplay, 44-yard drive by bowling over two defenders en route to a 15-yard score to reclaim the lead at 14-6 with 4:08 remaining the second quarter. Melvindale control the rest of the game for the 40-13 victory. Here is the rest of last week's high school football action.

Dearborn Edsel Ford 41, Sterling Heights 17 Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 41, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 0 Romulus 37, Detroit Pershing 0 Wyandotte Roosevelt 55, Trenton 14 Allen Park Cabrini def. Detroit Westside Christian, forfeit Almont 35, Ecorse 0 Dearborn Edsel Ford 41, Sterling Heights 17 Gibraltar Carlson 23, Taylor Kennedy 6 Ida 69, Detroit Cesar Chavez 14 Lowell 49, River Rouge 0 Southfield Bradford Academy 13, Dearborn Heights Star International 6 Southgate Anderson 41, Lincoln Park 14 Taylor Truman Brownstown Woodhaven 14 Clinton Township Chippewa Valley 27, Dearborn 20, 2OT

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Brownstown Woodhaven vs. Southgate Anderson Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer Dearborn Fordson vs. Windsor Cardinal Carter (CN) Dearborn Heights Annapolis vs. Romulus Dearborn Heights Robichaud Livonia Clarenceville Dearborn Hts Star International vs. Sterling Heights Parkway Christian **Detroit Collegiate Prep Detroit** VS. Cass Tech Detroit Consortium VS. Detroit University Prep Science & Math Lincoln Park vs. Wyandotte Roosevelt Macomb Lutheran North vs. Allen Park Cabrini Taylor Kennedy vs. Melvindale Taylor Truman vs. Gibraltar Carlson Trenton vs. Allen Park

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New this year we have our Fantasy Mask Contest. We encouraged patrons to hand craft a mask that exhibits their creativity! It could be a nice addition to

your costume or a fun crafts project for children which we hope will become a staple during our show for years to come. Also adding to costumed fun will be out Steampunk Invasion. We are encouraging one of Michigan's largest niche groups to come out in droves and enjoy the show!

This weekend begins the run of our daily Michigan Wine Tastings. We have seven vineyards who share a sample of their wine and teach patrons about what goes into the process of making their delectable drinks. So come out and enjoy the show!

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Cost: Adult \$20.95, Children's (5-12) \$11.95, Children (4 and under) FREE! Discounted tickets available at Kroger's, Walgreens, and Menards.

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On September 6th, 7th, and 8th , 2013, St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church will be holding their 6th Annual Taste of Lebanon Festival in Warren, MI. The festival is from 5 -11 p.m. on Friday, September 6; noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday, September 7; and noon to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 8, at St. Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church (31601 Schoenherr Road, Warren. Admission is free.

A three-day festival will offer a rich sampling of Lebanese traditions including authentic Lebanese food made from the finest Michigan produce and ingredients. The festival features entertainment by popular American and Lebanese performers and disc jockeys providing an energetic venue for music and dance. Visitors will also enjoy fun-filled family activities and raffles including cash prizes and other prizes.

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Mayweather vs 'Canelo': Final countdown to September 14 begins



Arriving at Big Bear Mountain the other day brought back so many memories for me.

This is the place where I first met Oscar De La Hoya in 1997 as he was in training to fight David Kamau.

The air was so fresh that it's no wonder why so many world class fighters have chosen this location to prepare for their upcoming bouts.

It's such a serene local at eight thousand feet above sea level and it seems like it takes forever to get there, but once you're there it's like being in paradise.

Saul "Canelo" Alvarez has been in training up there at "Sugar" Shane Mosley's place for the last couple of months as he prepares to go against Floyd "Money" Mayweather on

September 14 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena and folks I got to tell you something if this young kid looks as good in the ring as he did when I saw him the other day, Mayweather might just have his hands full. He looked very sharp and strong as he went through his regimen and looking back on some of his previous bouts this kid reminds me so much of the great Roberto Duran because he can hit with both hands, very hard at that. He's undefeated in 42 bouts with only one draw.

He's originally from Guadalajara, Mexico and is only 23 years old. He's become a sensation in his country and there's surely going to be a strong contingent of fans from his country, and from here as well that will be cheering for him on September 14 in Las Vegas. He says he's ready for Floyd.

As I always say, we'll see what happens.

From Big Bear I journeyed to Las Vegas the next day where the media from around the world gathered to take a close look at the great Floyd "Money" Mayweather who is now undefeated in 44 fights.

There's much to be said about him as he is a five division world champion, and has captured eight world titles. And he continues to dominate the boxing scene with his superb skills. His father Floyd Sr. calls him a technician and he says he is capable of methodically taking apart anyone he's confronted with, as long as he follows his instructions.

This one thing is for sure, there has been forty four opponents that he's faced and not one of them has been able to figure out the puzzle to beat him.

He constantly likes to remind you that the only way that this could happen is if you come in the ring with your A game, and have a good chin. Otherwise you can forget about it.

This is going to be a big boxing event because it will also feature Danny Garcia going against Lucas Matthysse in the semi-main event.

And not to forget, there will be several fighters from Mayweather Promotions on the card including Ishe Smith, Lanelle Bellows, Badou Jack, and Ashley Theophane that will also be featured.

This is the one event you don't want to miss, so get your popcorn ready.

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Luck O' The Irish against Robichaud Bulldogs get throttled, 41-0

By Christian Young - Contributing Writer

The Robichaud Bulldogs' 2013 season opener kicked off with Alumni Night this past Thursday.

Robichaud alumni throughout the years were treated to the introduction of a new principal, new cheerleading coaches, and new programs to new students.

Unfortunately, their new football coach, Al Demps, made an inauspicious debut, as the Bulldogs opened their season with a 41-0 loss to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Robichaud (0-1) had considerable difficulty moving the ball against an undersized yet scrappy Irish defense.

Demps didn't mince any words when assessing the performance of his team.

"We didn't give our quarterbacks a fighting chance," he said. "We didn't fire off the ball like we should have and we didn't give them any time."

How bad was it? The Bulldogs only got three first downs in the first half, while the Irish (1-0) had six possessions in the first half—and

scored on five of them, jumping out to a 34-0 halftime lead. Notre Dame Prep's Jeremiah Johnson led the way with four touchdown runs in the first half, while Reid Siano took a swing pass 35 yards to the house for the Irish early in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs' defensive play improved a bit to begin the second half, but the Irish capped their opening drive of the second half when Anthony Gunn caught a broken-up pass out of midair for the final touchdown.

"We were low on numbers, and we got tired and gassed," Demps said. "One positive I can get from this, we didn't quit in the second half."

Demps felt that "our conditioning and our O and D line play need to improve greatly" by the time Livonia Clarenceville comes to the Robichaud home field for a 7 p.m. clash on Friday.

"We will take what we can from this and improve," he



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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 20, 2013 Meeting called to order at 8:04opm

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

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

Excused: Kerns

13-223 Approve the minutes of August 7, 2013

13-224 Voucher approval

13-225 Business license approval

13-226 Building permit approval 13-227 Approval to sell 107 Oak St.

13-228 Approval to sell 100 E James

13-220 Approval to sell 13 W Pleasan

13-229 Approval to sell 13 W Pleasant 13-230 Approval to support HB 4468

13-230 Approval to support HB 4466

13-231 Approval to award bid for assembly of park benches to Hi Side Services

13-232 Motion to adjourn

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

Susan P. Joseph Deputy City Clerk

Celebrating Grandparents Day

National Grandparents day is September 8!



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Sunday, September 8, 2013, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Many families in the United States observe National Grandparents Day on the first Sunday of September after Labor Day. This day honors grandparents.

Many people honor their grandparents through a range of activities such as gift-giving, card-giving, and for children to invite their grandparents to school for a day where they participate in special lessons or special assembly programs. Many school students take part in story-telling activities that relate to their grandparents, as well as art or poster competitions where children often use a story about their grandparents in their artwork.

About four million greeting cards are sent within the United States each year on National Grandparents Day. This day is also an opportunity for people to appreciate and express their love to their

grandparents through kind actions such as making a phone call or inviting their grandparents for dinner. People living in retirement villages or nursing homes may receive a visit from their grandchildren or loved ones on this day.

National Grandparents Day has more than one origin. Some people consider it to have been first proposed by Michael Goldgar in the 1970s after he visited his aunt in an Atlanta nursing home, Spending \$11,000 of his own money in lobbying efforts to have the day officially recognized, he made 17 trips to Washington DC over a seven-year span to meet with legislators.

Others consider Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, a housewife in West Virginia, to have been the main driver for the day of observance. Throughout 1970s the McQuade worked hard to

was inspired by her efforts. A presidential proclamation on September 6, 1979, made this day official - it designated Sunday, September 9, 1979, (being the "first Sunday of September following Labor National Day") as Grandparents Day. The official song of National

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educate the people about the important contributions senior citizens made and the

time of experience.

Grandparents Day is "A Song for Grandma And Grandpa" by Johnny Prill. The official flower for the day is the "forget-me-not" flower.

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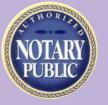
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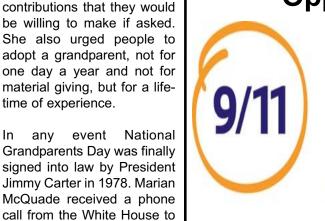
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September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance Volunteer **Opportunities**



National Day of Service

LANSING - The Michigan Community Service Commission (MCSC), Michigan Nonprofit

Association (MNA), Volunteer Centers of Michigan (VCM), Michigan Campus Compact (MCC), and The LEAGUE Michigan, with support from Connect Michigan Alliance Endowment Fund and the Corporation for National and Community Service, announced the distribution of \$8,810 in minigrant funds to support 2013 September 11 (9/11) Day of Service and Remembrance projects in Michigan this fall.

Twenty-seven organizations from across the state have been awarded funds to coordinate service projects that benefit local veterans and military families while tackling critical community challenges such as homelessness, hunger, and more. Grants range in value from \$170 to \$500.

"Volunteer activities on 9/11 Day allow citizens to honor and remember the heroes of that tragic

day while making a difference their communities," explained Ginna Holmes, Executive Director of the MCSC. "By providing 9/11 Day mini-grants, we're able to support 27 different volunteer projects as communities come together in the true American spirit of compassion that was revealed that tragic

The September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance is the culmination of an effort originally launched in 2002 by 9/11 family members and support groups. By participating in the 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance, individuals can forever remember and pay tribute to the victims of September 11, honor those that rose in service in response to the attacks, and remind people of the importance of working more closely together to improve the world. The 9/11

Day of Service Remembrance became officially recognized following the passage of the

Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of April 2009.

"We encourage everyone to find a way to serve, honor, and remember on September 11," said Donna Murray-Brown, President and CEO of MNA. "Getting involved is easy - you can give your time at one of our mini-grant recipient projects, volunteer at a local community site, or simply help out a neighbor or friend." To find a 9/11 Day service project near you, visit www.volunteermichigan.org and use the keyword "9/11."

The local activities that are occurring are: 1) Detroit Loyola High School Community volunteers and students will create comfort boxes for local Hospice veterans and their families; 2) Highland Park Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative (MYOI) - Youth in the MYOI program will host Appreciation Luncheon for local veterans, military personnel and their families; 3) Ypsilanti Growing Hope Volunteers and RSVP - members will participate in various community gardening activities on 9/11.

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Guest-Director Paul Mason Barnes



Photo Credit: Maxwell Bolton Annie Keris (Lady Macbeth), Miles Boucher (Macbeth)

DETROIT -William timeless Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth opens the Hilberry Theatre's 51st season in Midtown Detroit. Playing September 20 through October 12, 2013, Shakespeare's celebrated work is a riveting tale of greed and the lust for power; complete with jaw-dropping fight scenes and a bold cast of characters. Tickets Macbeth range from \$12-\$30 and are available by calling the Hilberry Theatre Box Office at (313) 577-2972, online at Hilberry.com, or by visiting the box office at 4743 Cass Avenue on the corner of Hancock Street.

Considered to be one of Shakespeare's darkest tragedies, Macbeth is believed to have been written between 1603 and 1607. Macbeth, played by Miles Boucher, is a Scottish nobleman who kills King Duncan of Scotland and rules the country until he is killed in vengeance for his misdeeds. Duncan's murder, and its effects on Macbeth and on Scotland, are the central elements of the play. Conscious of the evil his ambition has given rise to, Macbeth falls prey to the equal resolve of his wife, played by Annie Keris, and the supernatural powers of the Witches who convince Macbeth that he cannot be killed by any mortal, ultimately bringing him to his doom.

In his fourth turn at bringing Macbeth to the stage, guest director Paul Mason Barnes brings a highly-lauded directorial background to the Hilberry, with recent works including Twelfth Night (Great River Shakespeare Festival). Romeo and Juliet (Nevada Conservatory Theatre at UNLV), The Two Gentlemen of (Great Verona River Shakespeare Festival), The Comedy of Errors (Repertory Theatre of St. Louis), Annie (Pioneer Theatre Company),

and Macbeth (Repertory Theatre of St. Louis).

Barnes provides a traditional interpretation of Macbeth for Hilberry audiences that honors the author and makes this classic understandable for playgoers of all ages. with witches, Complete ghosts, apparitions, moving forests, severed heads, sleepwalking, and nail-biting stage combat, Barnes vision of Shakespeare's riveting tale hurtles us headlong to its conclusion, with lots of bloodshed along the way.

Cast (in alphabetical order): Barbour (Malcolm, Apparition King 5), Megan Barbour (Lady Macdduff, Witch 2), Miles Boucher (Macbeth), Danielle Cochrane (Witch 3), Mike Fisher (Bloody Captain, Porter, Seyton, Apparition King 4, Murderer Florkowski Nancy (Gentlewoman to Lady Macbeth), Brandon Grantz (Lennox), Brent Griffith (Macduff, Apparition King 2), Annie Keris (Lady Macbeth, Messenger), Colin Mallory (Fleance, Apparition King 7), Sarah Hawkins Moan (Witch 1), Shane Nelson (Donalbain, Murderer 2, Attendant, Apparition King 6), Topher Payne (Banquo, Caithness), Chris Peterson (Messenger, Attendant), Brandy Joe Plambeck (Duncan, Menteith, Apparition King 1, Scottish Sabrie Doctor), Tiaja (Attendant, Messenger), Joseph (Angus, Sfair

Apparition King 8), Janelle Soulliere (Attendant), David Sterritt (Ross, Apparition King 3), Kendall Talbot (Attendant). Production Team:

Paul Mason Barnes (Director), Courtney Rasor (Stage Manager), Sarah Drum (Asst. Stage Manager & Asst. Technical Director), Max (Scenic Amitin Design), Donna Buckley (Costume Designer), Samuel Byers (Lighting Design), Leazah Behrens (Technical Director), Heather DeFauw (Sound Designer), Kimbra Essex (Properties Master), Alec Barbour (Fight Choreography & Consultant), David Sterritt (Fight Choreography Consultant), Mick Keathley (Master Electrician), Maxwell Bolton (Publicity Manager).

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ASK AYANA

Treasure



Dear Ayana,

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 stav with us every other weekend. My problem is that the 12 year old steals. He doesn't just steal my things-he 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!

Dear Treasure,

You sound like you're pretty mature for your age so I'm going to speak with you pretty straight forward. This is an adult issue. The adults involved in solving it should be your aunt, her husband and the mother of his son. 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 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! Ayana

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