

Detroit Free Press (1831–1999)

“On Guard Since 1831” in the Motor City

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Scholars of labor relations, union history, and the automotive industry will find the *Free Press* a fundamental and must-have resource for insight on the birth of the Motor City, development of the United Automobile Workers (UAW) and auto manufacturing. Art and architecture. The race riots of 1943 and 1967. The Detroit Tigers. Stevie Wonder and The Supremes. In addition to these defining characteristics of Detroit, the *Free Press* also provides the scoop on national and international events from a regional perspective, as well as detailed coverage of daily life in the community.

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Why the Detroit Free Press?

- **Full access to this historical newspaper:** Every part of every page: Users can study the progression of events over time by browsing full-text, full-image issues of *The Detroit Free Press*, which offers coverage of 1831–1999, including news articles, photos, advertisements, classified ads, obituaries, cartoons, and more.
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February 12, 1937: General Motors (GM) and United Auto Workers (UAW) reach an agreement putting an end to the Flint sit-down strike.

July 28, 1967: Riots erupt in Detroit amidst racial tensions.

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