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Assault Charges Filed Against Bill Cosby in Pennsylvania

By Stacy M. Brown
Special to the NNPA News Wire from the Washington Informer



Bill Cosby

Whoopi Goldberg, Phylicia Rashad and even Cosby's own family members have publicly backed away from their earlier proclamations, perhaps because a number of the star's accusers have filed defamation lawsuits that have dragged Camille Cosby into the fray even though it could be argued that she's the primary – if not the only – victim.

"There is a systematic effort to destroy every Black male entertainer's image," said comedian Eddie Griffin, who starred in the 1990s hit television show "Malcolm & Eddie," which featured "Cosby Show" star Malcolm Jamal Warner.

On Wednesday, Dec. 30, the last day before the statute of limitations would run out, a

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Mother's Pantry seeks volunteers

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Volunteers gather to provide services to clients

Mother's Pantry in Inkster is seeking volunteers to provide client services. All ages are welcome to join in with the program, including high school students and senior residents. The pantry, which falls under the umbrella of Operation Refuge, is located at the Christ Temple City

of Refuge at 27741 Carlisle Street, and works as a "Client Choice" location that distributes food to local families in need. The nonprofit organization collaborates with several Inkster sponsors including Gleaners Community Food Bank, Forgotten Harvest, the

National Kidney Foundation and Western Wayne Family Health Services. According to Operation Refuge Executive Director Jean Overman, Mother's Pantry will be strengthened by the presence of new volun-

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Detroit Public School teaches, students and the community came out to rally against the problems that the teachers and students have been dealing with for years. Organized Sick Outs were scheduled at numerous schools each day to bring attention to the problems.

Photo by Dale Rich

BBB warns of Car Buying Scams



Trust your research before you purchase a car

Southfield, MI – Online car shopping and buying has been a growing trend since 2013. According to Autotrader.com, car buyers spent an average of 12.5 hours shopping online with 45% of that time being on a third-party website. Do your research online into what type

of car works for you and what options you can't live without let alone what price is good before ever visiting the dealership.

BBB warns all consumers not

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Martin Luther King was born January 15, 1929. He was a great American who worked for civil rights in the United States in the 1950s and 60s. He fought for the rights of African Americans and many people, Blacks as well as whites, supported him in this cause. Martin Luther King saw how badly black people were being treated and during the 1950s he got involved in the Civil Rights movement. Terrorist bombed King's home and tried to force him to give up his fight for equal rights. But King wasn't afraid. He continued working for the black people in America.

At that time, blacks and whites were separated in schools, restaurants, sport and in other fields. In the 1960s King, met with the American President, John F. Kennedy who shared his opinion on equal rights. Kennedy was killed in November 1963 and the next American government passed a law that gave blacks the same rights as white people.

It was called the Civil Rights Act. The new law gave blacks the same opportunities in education and work. It also gave them the right to vote.

Martin Luther King's life came to a sudden end. On April 4, 1968 when he was killed by a white racist, James Earl Ray. People all over the world mourned King's death.

Today, Martin Luther King, Jr. is remembered and his life is celebrated on the third Monday in January each year. This is a National Holiday where many businesses and state offices will be closed.

What are you going to do to remember or celebrate his life? Throughout this issue, there are several events listed that you can attend and participate in. Do something to acknowledge the fact that Dr. King gave his life so that you will have the same rights and be treated equally. Make sure your kids and your grandkids understand the importance of Dr. King's life.

This is not a day off to do nothing. This is a day on to something. Get involved.

Let us know what you did to honor the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Or if you have a fond memory of Dr. King, let us know. We will publish some of the things we receive in next week's issue. Email your response to telegram@telegramnews.net or stop by the office at 10748 W. Jefferson Ave River Rouge. Our number is 313-92955

Gina Steward - Publisher

NEWS FROM LANSING

Senator Johnson says get involved



Senator Burt Johnson

Marathon Oil Issue in Southwest Community

Recently, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) held a hearing at River Rouge High School about Marathon Oil's request to increase emissions of at least eight more pollutants at its refinery in southwest Detroit. An estimated 500 residents of the southwest community — including Detroit, Ecorse, River Rouge and Lincoln Park — attended the hearing and voiced their concerns. The vast majority of the public comments were about the health risks and ramifications from existing pollution coming out of the refinery; unequivocally, the residents do not want more pollution in their community. Our office was also present and plans to stay actively involved in future public hearings on this issue.

Upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

On Jan. 18, the nation will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a federal holiday. Had he not been tragically killed on this infamous day in April, Dr. King would have been 87 years old this year. I plan to commemorate his life's work throughout the district and try to emulate his spirit each day. Whether you spend time with family or friends, please take the time on Jan. 18th to remember this great American and his non-violent spirit.

CVS Pharmacy to Offer Free Health Screenings

CVS Pharmacy will be providing FREE health screenings at three locations in our district during the month of January from 2 through 6 p.m. at the following locations:

- Thursday, Jan. 21 at 6862 N. Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48210
- Friday, Jan. 22 at 1935 Campbell St., Detroit, MI 48209
- Saturday, Jan. 23 at 8115 W. Vernor Hwy., Detroit, MI 48209

Everyone is invited to attend. These screenings will be done by medical professionals and will include blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol and body mass index tests. Everyone who participates will receive a tote bag and a \$5 CVS store coupon.

Join Me for Coffee!

I value hearing my constituents' questions, comments and concerns, and host four coffee hour visits per month around the 2nd Senate District.

I look forward to seeing you soon at one of the following locations:

- 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
 - 1st Monday: DPD Mini-Station inside Mike's Fresh Market, 14383 Gratiot Ave., Detroit
 - 2nd Monday: Cafe 1923, 2287 Holbrook, Hamtramck
 - 3rd Monday: The Original Pancake House, 20273 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods
 - 4th Monday: Tim Horton's, 13130 Woodward Ave., Highland Park
- Appointments encouraged; please call 1-866-585-7802.

Representative Sherry Gay-Dagnogo Stands in Support of DPS Teachers

Representative declares education is a civil right and calls for attention to DPS conditions



Representative Sherry Gay-Dagnogo

LANSING — State Representative Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D-Detroit) voiced her support this morning for the sickout led by Detroit Public School (DPS) teachers, which has led to the closing of nearly 60 area schools today. The organized protest is meant to draw attention to the deplorable teaching conditions in the schools, as well as the impact of the \$3.5 billion in operating and capital liabilities that the district is facing.

"It is not only the responsibility of teachers to educate, but to protect, to support and to nurture their students, and it is nearly impossible to do that in the current educational environment," said Rep. Gay-Dagnogo. "As a former educator, I know how heartbreaking it is to watch your students suffer, whether it is from classroom overcrowding, from being expected to learn in a room with no heat or from being forced to use outdated, irrelevant textbooks. As a science teacher, my students didn't have access to science labs and equipment that other districts in suburban schools have access to. This is a separate and unequal education system which makes it difficult for our children to compete. Our children are drowning in the district's deficit, and our teachers

will not stand for it any longer." In an open letter to the current emergency manager Darnell Earley, DPS fourth-grade teacher Pam Namyslowski wrote of the conditions in many public schools, including lack of heat or air conditioning, crumbling roofs and floors, plumbing problems and lack of running water. In addition, she cited neighborhood issues in the areas surrounding the schools, like abandoned and dangerous buildings, as well as the rising number of crimes against students and teachers on their way to and from school. For many teachers, the problems the district was previously facing have only been compounded by the "business model" employed by the emergency managers. "DPS is in a state of crisis, and the continual use of emergency managers and board appointees who have not been democratically elected by the people of Detroit has only exacerbated that," said Rep. Gay-Dagnogo. "Failure is OK, as long as you admit your mistakes and work to rectify them. This so-called rescue method for DPS has been a mistake, and no one has suffered more for it than our teachers and students. Going forward, we need to make it a priority to listen to the teachers and parents who are battling the obstacles — in and out of the classroom — which have inhibited students' growth and success."

The representative invites her colleagues to join her Friday, Jan. 15 during "The Urgency of Now" legislative education tour of DPS, and welcomes the opportunity for them to look behind their respective lenses and unite to do what is right for all Michigan children.

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What Will You Sacrifice for Justice?

By Charlene Crowell - NNPA News Wire Columnist



As holiday revelers toasted the season, a key federal regulator took two steps to ensure that 2016 would bring an important change for consumers harassed by illegal debt collector actions.

On December 16 and its third action against a large national payday lender, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) ordered EZCorp, Inc. to refund \$7.5 million to 93,000 consumers and pay an additional \$3 million in penalties for illegal debt on high-cost payday and installment loans.

CFPB found that EZCORP collected debts with a litany of illegal actions that included visits to homes and/or workplaces. Even worse, by requiring payments via electronic fund transfers, consumers often wound up with multiple charges. The required electronic withdrawals from consumer accounts frequently triggered additional overdraft fees charged by banks. CFPB's investigation that began in July determined multiple violations of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act's ban on unfair or deceptive acts or practices.

Days later on December 28, CFPB filed a proposed settlement in federal court that once approved, will stop a Georgia-based law firm and its principals from flooding courts with lawsuits that were as faulty as they were prevalent in harming consumers. Some consumer advocates believe that this first-of-its-kind suit and settlement together set a significant precedent.

This second enforcement action culminated a July 2014 lawsuit brought by CFPB against a Georgia-based law firm, Frederick J. Hanna and Associates, for operating an illegal debt collection lawsuit mill. Specifically, CFPB charged the firm with two

major violations:

- Intimidating consumers with deceptive court filings that enabled the firm to churn out hundreds of thousands of lawsuits over a four-year period from 2009 to 2014; and
- Introducing faulty or unsubstantiated evidence to support its lawsuits, resulting in the collection of millions of dollars each year – often from consumers who may not have owed debts.

"The Hanna firm relied on deception and faulty evidence to coerce consumers into paying debts that often could not be verified or may not be owed," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray. "Debt collectors that use the court system for purposes of intimidation should reconsider how their practices are harming consumers."

With court approval, Hanna and Associates and its principals will:

- Pay a \$3.1 million penalty;
- End illegal collection and intimidation tactics;
- Be banned from filing or threatening lawsuits without substantial and specific documentation on the affected consumer's debt; and
- Stop the use of deceptive court documents to support its cases.

In addition, three of the law firm's clients – JP Morgan Chase, Portfolio Recovery Associates and Encore Capital Group must also revamp their debt collection practices and then refund millions to harmed consumers. These actions stem from separate collection cases.

"People struggling to pay their bills should not also fear harassment, humiliation or negative employment consequences because of debt collectors," concluded Cordray. "Borrowers should be treated with common decency...[W]e will not tolerate illegal debt collection practices."

Here's hoping that more deceptive and illegal lending practices are brought to an end in 2016.

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MONTH OF JANUARY AWARENESS

National Blood Donor Month

Winter is a time for blood donations. During this time, due to cold temperatures, less people donate blood, so there is less available for patients.

The Red Cross is accepting donors year round, but especially throughout the cold season. Please donate.

National Clean Up Your Computer Month

Everyone experiences it. The overflow of junk documents on your computer slow it down.

This January, spend time deleting old or duplicate files, and organize your folders to streamline your browsing experience.

National Glaucoma Awareness Month

According to Glaucoma.org, over 3 million people are afflicted with glaucoma and the National Eye Institute predicts that there will be a 58% by 2030.

Once lost, vision is irreparable, which is why it's detrimental to have regular eye check-ups to detect any anomalies. Once found, treatment can begin.

Thyroid Awareness Month

The thyroid gland lies in the neck, yet it has the potential to affect many areas of the body, including skin, heart, brain, liver, and kidneys. An unchecked thyroid problem can cause an onset of many other health disorders such as osteoporosis and heart disease.

It is important to see a doctor for thyroid check-ups in order to remain in good health.

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Endurance

by Janine Folks By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



Well, the same thing happens in our spiritual life. We need endurance. Endurance, our ability to have stamina, staying power, persistence to survive and thrive, depends on how consistently we exercise in spiritual things.

We have to maintain our relationship with God. We do that through prayer and making the scriptures a part of our being, by reading them. Regular godly fellowship also feeds our spirit for endurance. Long breaks can set us back. The Bible makes it clear that we need endurance.

“For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise (Hebrew 10:36 NKJV).”

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us (Hebrews 12:1 NKJV).”

Be mindful of your spiritual endurance. Keep at it and invest the time to keep your endurance high. It will bless your life by making you more durable when circumstances get rough. God bless you.

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Inspired to write; Writing to inspire

The thing about roller skating is, it's a cardiovascular activity. To be good at skating, your heart and lungs have to be in good condition. Your legs can be strong, but if your heart and lungs are not strong, you will not last long on the skate floor. You will get tired, short of breath and probably want to sit down.

The more you skate, the better your endurance gets. Every skater likes to maintain optimal endurance. Endurance is the ability to do something difficult for a long time. Skating is not something you just do for a few minutes and stop. Skating is an activity that is performed typically for about two hours.

If you skate regularly, you maintain endurance. In as little as a week, if you stop skating, you can lose endurance. If you take a break from skating, you will feel it when you return because your endurance will not be the same. You will be more tired than prior to the break.

Breaks are good for rest and restoration, but if a break is too long, it can cause setbacks.

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MARTIN
By Myrna Brazell

Martin Luther had a dream, the children ask,
what does it mean?
And you try to explain to them, what this dream
really meant to him.
A dream is only in the mind they say,
hoping to come alive one day.
Dreams can come true if we begin to live it.
And put our very heart and soul in it.
Often times we need a partner
To make our dreams come true,
Now this means me and it means you.
So come on children, there's work to do
If you want to be a live part of the dream
Of a Godly man called Martin Luther King.
A dream is a vision that can happen today
But what do you wish me to do, they say?
King opened the door, he led the way.
I would say your strongest tool
Would be to follow the Golden Rule.
Whether you are black or white
King dreamed we could live together without strife.
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Welcome Home!

Martin Luther King Jr., 'The preacher'

by David Waters



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers a fiery sermon

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial is the only national memorial in Washington dedicated to a gospel preacher.

Indeed, King's son, Martin Luther King III, said, "I believe my father was 'anointed,' and 'chosen by God to make the kind of impact that he made.'" "If we overlook the fact that Dr. King was a man of God, a follower of Jesus Christ, we miss the point of his life and his death," said Kelly Johnson, founder of Two By Two prayer ministries in Memphis.

Johnson and others believe the ultimate legacy of King, a fourth-generation Baptist preacher, will be more theological and less social or political.

"People go right to the Dr. part, but they forget that before the Dr. part came the Rev. part," Dr. Luther Ivory, who teaches religion at Rhodes College told me. "It was King's response to the gospel of Jesus Christ that changed him, and the world around him. It was the Rev. part that made all the differ-

ence."

King described himself by his spiritual vocation. "In the quiet recesses of my heart, I am fundamentally a clergyman, a Baptist preacher," he once said.

King's dream was "deeply rooted in the American dream" but even more deeply rooted in the gospels. "If one is truly devoted to the religion of Jesus, he will seek to rid the Earth of social evils," he once said.

King grew up wanting to be a lawyer or doctor, not a preacher like his father, grandfather and great-grandfather. But at Morehouse College, he met Dr. Benjamin Mays, a rational man who wed mind, body and soul. King began to see the ministry as a spiritual force for social change.

At Crozer Seminary in Pennsylvania, he was introduced to liberal theologians and their Social Gospel, including Niebuhr and his ideas on collective evil.

At Boston University, King re-discovered the notion of grace

and began to re-evaluate his ideas about capitalism, communism, pacifism and the role of Christians in the world.

He synthesized all he learned and drew his own conclusions: Man is capable of both good and evil, but evil can be overcome only through Christ-centered agape love that appeals to the good in man.

"Our actions must be guided by the deepest principles of our Christian faith. Love must be our regulating ideal," he said.

In the first part of King's "I Have a Dream" speech — delivered 50 years ago this Sunday — he talked about America and its documents of hope — the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Emancipation Proclamation.

But midway through the speech, he departed from the prepared text and spoke from other documents inscribed in his heart. King the speaker became King the preacher.

"I have a dream today that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and

the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh will see it together," he said, paraphrasing verses in Isaiah's 40th chapter.

King changed the rules of preaching in the black church. In 1969, there were 825 black men and women enrolled in seminaries. Today, there are more than 10,000. He also changed the roles of preachers. His spiritually based social activism inspired a generation of clergy, from Jesse Jackson to El Salvador's Oscar Romero to South Africa's Desmond Tutu.

But King's most lasting contribution to America and the world may be his theology, his understanding and application of the nature of God and evil and their relationships to humanity.

King's theology, revealed in such documents as "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," and his books such as "Strength to Love," has influenced liberation movements from Latin America to Africa to Eastern Europe. It is being taught in colleges and seminaries around the world.

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*This activity is supported by Michigan Youth Arts and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs



THE HENRY FORD is FREE on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 18, 2016 (9:30am - 5pm)



Come celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the many ordinary people who had the extraordinary courage and commitment to ask for more from their nation on civil rights. Bring your family and friends, because all of the activities in Henry Ford Museum on MLK Day are absolutely free, thanks to the generosity of Target. That includes free admission and free parking, plus live music, hands-on fun, make-and-take activities and dramatic presentations. Sit in the Rosa Parks Bus, and hear the story of Mrs. Parks' courageous act. Participate in and be captivated by the highly praised 30-minute show "Minds on Freedom," which celebrates the contributions of Dr. King, Mrs. Parks and other civil rights champions such as Fannie Lou Hamer, Gloria Rackley and the Freedom Riders. Sing, carry a protest sign and interact with the performers. You, too, can make history.

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Cosby

From Page 1A

Pennsylvania District Attorney filed felony sexual assault charges against Cosby in a case that stemmed from accusations made by Andrea Constand, who settled a civil lawsuit with the actor a decade ago.

If convicted, the comedic icon could go to prison for 10 years and be forced to register as a sex offender.

Cosby, who is due back in court on January 14, is free on \$1 million bail.

After Cosby was charged, his D.C.-based attorney Monique D. Pressley released a statement saying, "Make no mistake, we intend to mount a vigorous defense against this unjustified charge and we expect that Mr. Cosby will be exonerated by a court of law."

Camille Cosby, who married the actor when she was 19, was not with him when he was arraigned. Last year, she released a statement in support of him.

However, like so many others, even Camille Cosby has gone silent with Griffin being among the very few to still speak out in Cosby's defense.

"They want us all [black entertainers] to have an asterisk by our name," Griffin said, even dismissing the drugging allegations levied by the alleged victim in the criminal case and the more than 50 women who have come forward in the past year to accuse Cosby.

"First off, you have to remem-

ber this was in the '70s. I'm old enough to remember the '70s. The '70s is a different time," Griffin said, echoing what "Good Times" star Jimmy Walker said earlier this year that Quaaludes were frequently used to help people level out after cocaine use.

Griffin then hinted that if anyone is a victim, it's not the women who are making the allegations. "Did he rape these [women]? He said. "Why would you go to the room of a known married man?"

Camille Cosby, who years ago publicly acknowledged her husband's infidelities during an interview with Oprah Winfrey, is now being forced to give a deposition in a civil case against her husband with the lawyers for the accusers wanting to question her about Bill Cosby's "sexual proclivities."

In an interview earlier this year, the Rev. Carl Dianda, the Washington, D.C. priest who performed the Cosby couple's marriage ceremony 51 years ago, said Camille didn't deserve any of what was happening.

Dianda had vowed to remain available and helpful to the Cosby family.

"I will help Camille and Bill in any way that they want me to," the retired priest said. "I'm not going to be embarrassed to say anything. What I know is what I know, and Bill has never done anything to embarrass anyone."



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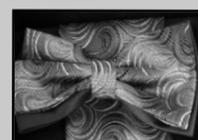
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High speed crash turns deadly in Ecorse

By Shelby Jefferson –Telegram Staff Reporter



identified as Donita Alford – being ejected from her car shortly after midnight. Police indicate that Alford and a passenger were speeding down a residential street on January 8th, eventually losing control and crashing into three parked vehicles. The Downriver Crash Construction Team was called to perform an accident investigation, ultimately predicting that the car may have been traveling at highway speeds. “There were two young ladies in the first car traveling an estimated 80 mph,” said Public Safety Director, Michael Moore. “They hit a car containing three gentlemen, and then ran into two additional cars. Following the third hit, they

started to tumble and the young lady driving was ejected. She was subsequently run over or pinned by the first car she crashed into.” Alford died at the scene, with her passenger sustaining injuries requiring hospitalization. One of the male victims also required medical treatment. In the end, Moore maintains that more questions than answers remain as police look to make sense of such an unfortunate accident. “We don’t know why they were driving so fast, but this is a tragic situation all around,” he said. “The Downriver Crash Construction Team is still looking into everything so we can possibly have more information.”

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At 0820hrs, the station received a call from a 38 year old woman living in the 500 Block of Lenoir stating she had a dog to give up. She stated she found the dog wandering in the area of Lenoir and Visger Road, took the dog in but the dog was not getting along with her other dogs. The animal control warden was dispatched to the home and preceded to the backyard where he discovered tan Mastiff with a black face, lying under a tarp between two other dogs, along with two dog houses. The Mastiff was severely emaciated and had bite marks sporadic the ears and face, with had multiple sores on its legs. The was a large bowl of food in one of the dog houses with no straw or bedding in either house. During the first conversation with the homeowner stated that she found the dog in the condition he is in and she only had the dog for a few days. The Animal Control Warden took the dog to the Animal Shelter and had to be taken to the Emergency Service in Allen Park to be evaluated due to the dog’s condition. The dog is approximately six years old and weighed 56 pounds, with no body mass. The dog suffered several infected puncture

wounds along with pressure sore on the limbs and hips. The normal weight of a adult dog Mastiffis about 100 pounds. During the time the homeowner had the dog did not take the dog to be treated It was later determined after medical treatment there would be criminal charges filed against the homeowner.

January 6TH, 2016

At 0205hrs, while officers were patrolling the area of Burke and East Henry Street ,they observed a 1998 Saturn traveling west on Batavia Street then stop in an intersection. Officers conducted a Traffic Stop and as they approached the vehicle could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle. The 19 year old male driver had slurred speech and blood shot eyes. He was aske dhow much he had to drink and he response was about six beers. He also stated he had a bag of Marijuana in his underwear. One of the officer performed a Field Sobriety Horizontal gaze Nystagmus, Walk and turn and One-leg stand. He fai;ed all of the test and was placed under arrest for OWI and placed in the patrol vehicle.

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Songs inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter

Over the years, artists from around the world have paid homage to Martin Luther King, Jr. through the art of song. On Monday, as we celebrate what would have been his 87th birthday, here are six compositions to rock out to on MLK Day, all of which reflect King's unparalleled legacy as a staunch crusader for peace, justice and equality for all.



"(Why) The King of Love is Dead" by Nina Simone (1968)

Key lyrics: "But he had seen the mountaintop/ And he knew he could not stop/ Always living with the threat of death ahead./ Folks you'd better stop and think/ Everybody knows we're on the brink/ What will happen, now that the King of love is dead?"

Three days after the King assassination, Nina Simone sang "(Why) The King of Love is Dead" at the Westbury Music Fair in Long Island, New York. Marking her first ever performance of the poignant song, 'The High Priestess of Soul' lyrically captured the grief, shock and rage that had engulfed the nation – essentially questioning the practicality of nonviolent resistance following the brutal death of such a peaceful icon.



"Alabama" by the John Coltrane Quartet (1963)

Over the years, countless songs have paid tribute to King's posthumous legacy. But "Alabama" was written while he was still alive, and remains a direct reflection of King's abiding impact as the leading face of the American Civil Rights Movement.

Composed by saxophonist John Coltrane, "Alabama" recounts the Ku Klux Klan bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church that killed four little girls as they attended Sunday School in 1963. Three days later, King delivered a eulogy for the victims, inspiring Coltrane to create an instrumental composition mirroring the eloquent rhythm found within his signature oratory. Also echoing King's mournful yet optimistic outlook for the future, "Alabama" stands as a manifestation of the violent horror waged against African Americans throughout the 1960's.



"Happy Birthday" by Stevie Wonder (1981)

Key lyrics: "I just never understood/ How a man who died for good/ Could not have a day that would/ Be set aside for his recognition."

Stevie Wonder wrote "Happy Birthday" as part of a campaign to observe King's birthdate as a national holiday. Two years later, a bill was signed by President Ronald Reagan declaring the third Monday in January as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. In 1986, during the first year of observances, Wonder headlined a tribute concert celebrating King's life and enduring dream for social equality.



"Pride (In the Name of Love)" by U2 (1984)

Key lyrics: "Early morning, April 4th/ Shot rings out in the Memphis sky/ Free at last, they took your life/ They could not take your pride."

"Pride (In the Name of Love)" was penned by U2 frontman Bono, with the composition serving as the lead single off the band's fourth studio album. Some critics are quick to point out a key error in the song's lyrics (King was in fact killed by an assassin on the evening of April 4th, as opposed to the morning hours). Nevertheless, the tune still stands as one of the group's signature anthems, containing social themes that remain relevant 30 years after its initial release.



"By the Time I Get to Arizona" by Public Enemy (1991)

Key lyrics: "Why I want a holiday?/ Damn it, cause I wanna!"

MLK Day officially went into effect in 1986, but not every state acknowledged it as a time of national observance. In 1991, rapper Chuck D wrote "By the Time I Get to Arizona" to protest Governor Evan Mecham, who cancelled celebrations throughout the Grand Canyon State (the song also denounces Arizona Senator John McCain, who voted against efforts to commemorate King's birthday).

Featuring author and activist Sister Souljah, "By the Time I Get to Arizona" resonates with a radical defiance only Public Enemy can bring – elements revived by today's activists as the passage of an anti-immigration bill remains a hot bed issue in modern Arizona.



"Abraham, Martin and John" by Dion (1968)

Key lyrics: "Anybody here seen my old friend Martin?/ Can you tell me where he's gone?/ He freed a lot of people/ But it seems the good they die young/ I just looked 'round and he's gone."

Penned in 1968, this folk classic pays homage to three slain icons: Abraham Lincoln, King and John F. Kennedy (the final verse also mentions the late president's brother, Bobby Kennedy).

Months after the murders of "Martin and Bobby", the solemn ballad reached peak success – its sad lyrics expressing the age old belief that the good often die young. Standing as yet another reflection of King's timeless global influence, the song has been covered by a number of artists – from Bob Dylan and Marvin Gaye, to Bon Jovi and Tori Amos.



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been described as the 'toughest volunteer job in America. Yet Michigan's public school board members dedicate countless personal hours to attending meetings, school functions, and hours of preparation for the decisions they make," said McAnally. "On top of that, many pursue their own professional development to stay on top of the ever-changing education landscape. Collectively, school board members in Michigan have

spent about 7,000 hours attending training and professional development. They're dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students." It's an exciting and challenging time in public education. School board members in Romulus develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They bear responsibility and oversight for an annual budget of over \$30

million, 3,000 students, 300 employees' and 7 instructional buildings. "We proudly join educators and community members in saluting these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities," McAnally said. "They preserve the core of our democracy—public education."

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7:30 am - Meet at Romulus Middle School

8:00 am - Community March Begins

8:00 am - Continental Breakfast in the Romulus High School Cafeteria.

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Bob Quinn, the New Sheriff in Town

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



Detroit Lions President Ron Wood, Owner Martha Firestone Ford, and the team's new Executive Vice President and General Manager Bob Quinn.

Photo taken By Butch Davis

Well part one of the face-lift is complete as the Detroit Lions announced late Friday night (January 8, 2016) that they have reached an agreement in principle with Bob Quinn to become the team's new Executive Vice President and General Manager. The 39-year-old Quinn had various roles within the New England Patriots' personnel department for 16 years, including the past four as their director of proscouting. During his time with New England, Quinn helped the Patriots build one of the most impressive stretches in NFL history that produced four Super Bowl titles, including the most recent championship last season (Super Bowl XLIX). Since 2000, Quinn's first year, the Patriots won six AFC Championships, 13 AFC East titles, 12+ games in a season 10 times (which includes the past six years) and 10+ games in 14 of his 16 seasons. Quinn will oversee the Lions' football operations and report directly to Owner and Chairman of the Board Martha Firestone Ford and President Rod Wood. Quinn is a native of Norwood, Mass., earned his master's degree in sports management from UConn in 2000 and completed his undergraduate studies at UConn in 1998. He and his wife, Julie, have a son, Kyle, and a daughter, Grace however Mr. Quinn did reference that he does have relatives in the greater metro Detroit area that are Lions fans so he is very aware of the state of the team.

Now the Detroit Lions held a press conference Monday, January 11 to introduce Bob

after the start of the season, so I have a great deal of respect with how the team responded. I think it's a whole body of work though. It isn't just this season, it's his entire career that we're going to discuss and talk about." On the difference between maintaining a winning organization and building a winning organization: "That's a great question. It's about consistency and it's about the process. Things in New England when I started there 16 years ago didn't happen overnight. It's a step-by-step, day-by-day, month-by-month process. One of many things I learned in New England was that we're always striving to get better. Whether it's scouting, whether it's coaching, whether it's in the weight room, nutrition, analytics, if we can get one step better every day, that's putting this organization in the right direction."

Finally Bob Quinn stated these words to the media and who attended this press conference: We will have a plan. We will use all avenues of player acquisition. The NFL Draft is not the only way to acquire players, free agency, trades, waiver wire, tryouts, other leagues. We will use analytics as a supplemental tool, not a primary tool in scouting. Our team will be based on having outstanding depth. Injuries happen in this game. One of my main roles with the Patriots was to find that next player, and I feel like we are going to have to do that here with the Lions. Our culture will be one of great work ethic and no egos. We will create a working class attitude throughout the organization. The city of Detroit, the state of Michigan is known for hard work. The Detroit Lions will have a culture of hard work. The auto industry is based on hard work and these fans deserve that.

The Detroit Lions have also hired Ernie Accorsi to be a special advisor to team president Rod Wood. Accorsi assisted the Lions in their search for general manager Bob Quinn, who agreed to a deal with the franchise last Friday night. Accorsi is a former GM of the New York Giants, Cleveland Browns and Baltimore Colts. Accorsi says he spoke to people who worked with Quinn, including New England coach Bill Belichick. Quinn worked within the Patriots' personnel department for 16 years, including the past four seasons as their director of pro scouting. Accorsi told reporters on a conference call Sunday that Quinn will bring the Patriots' "unique way of doing things," to Detroit.

Lady Bulldogs rally to top Pioneers, 42-31

By Christian Young - Contributing Reporter



The Dearborn Heights Robichaud Lady Bulldogs were looking to bring in 2016 in a big way, and they did it. Behind Kayla Brown's 22 points, the Lady Bulldogs rallied from a 21-16 halftime deficit to knock off the visiting Dearborn Lady Pioneers, 42-31, on Jan. 8.

The Lady Bulldogs were able to do this via a big second half run where they outscored Dearborn, 26-15.

Robichaud coach Jason Wilkins was especially happy about the result, considering what had come before.

"We had a pretty decent week of practice coming back from break, and we were kind of a bit sluggish in the first half," he said.

The two teams went back and forth in the first quarter, with Dearborn taking a slim 11-8 lead at the end of the first

quarter.

Dearborn widened the lead to 21-16 at halftime.

"Dearborn is a good team, and we knew we had some adjustments to make," Wilkins said. "We started exploiting the middle a bit more, and we started to calm down and play our game."

The Bulldogs would begin their rally with a 9-0 run to open the third quarter and end it with a 27-26 lead, before going on a 15-5 tear in the game's final frame.

Linda Kobeissi and Isabelle Clark led the Pioneers with eight points apiece.

The Bulldogs (3-3 overall, 2-0 WWAC) travelled to Garden City on Tuesday, while the Pioneers played against Romulus Summit Academy that same night. Results were not available at press time.

This Week in Varsity Basketball

There is plenty varsity basketball to be played by the Girls and the Boys the league play is heating up and competition becomes more competitiveness as teams get in the groove to be their very best. Please, take in basketball game and supports the girls and boys playing in your city or a town near you. Here is the schedule of games in the Telegram News area featuring high school varsity basketball.

Varsity Basketball (Boys)

01/14	7:30 PM	Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy at Riverview Gabriel Richard West
01/14	6:00 PM	Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Southfield Christian
01/15	7:30 PM	Waterford Our Lady at Allen Park Cabrini
01/15	7:00 PM	Romulus at Belleville
01/15	7:00 PM	Taylor Baptist Park at Bloomfield Hills Roeser
01/15	7:00 PM	Wayne Memorial at Canton
01/15	7:00 PM	Dearborn Edsel Ford at Dearborn Fordson
01/15	7:00 PM	Dearborn at Dearborn Heights Annapolis
01/15	7:00 PM	Redford Thurston at Dearborn Heights Crestwood
01/15	6:30 PM	Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy at Dearborn Henry Ford Academy
01/15	6:30 PM	Detroit Delta Prep Academy for Social Justice at Dearborn Riverside Academy-West
01/15	4:00 PM	Detroit Osborn at Detroit Cass Tech
01/15	4:00 PM	Detroit Western International at Detroit Henry Ford
01/15	7:30 PM	Ecorse at Detroit Henry Ford Academy
01/15	7:00 PM	Taylor Trillium at Detroit University Prep Science & Math
01/15	7:00 PM	Riverview at Grosse Ile
01/15	7:00 PM	Allen Park at Lincoln Park
01/15	7:00 PM	Wyandotte Roosevelt at Melvindale
01/15	7:00 PM	Taylor Preparatory at Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech
01/15	7:00 PM	Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Redford Union
01/15	7:00 PM	Detroit Allen Academy at River Rouge
01/15	7:00 PM	Dearborn Hts Star International at Romulus Summit Academy
01/15	7:00 PM	Livonia Franklin at Westland John Glenn
01/16	8:30 PM	Flint Beecher at Detroit Western International
01/18	6:00 PM	Detroit Edison Public School Academy at Romulus
01/19	7:00 PM	Allen Park Inter-City Baptist at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian

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 01/19 7:00 PM Livonia Clarenceville at Dearborn Edsel Ford
 01/19 6:00 PM Romulus Summit Academy at Dearborn Henry Ford Academy
 01/19 6:30 PM Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy at Dearborn Hts Star International
 01/19 6:30 PM Ann Arbor Central Academy at Dearborn Riverside Academy-West
 01/19 7:30 PM Taylor Preparatory at Detroit Allen Academy
 01/19 4:00 PM Detroit Cass Tech at Detroit East English
 01/19 4:00 PM Detroit Western International at Detroit Osborn
 01/19 7:00 PM Allen Park Cabrini at Garden City
 01/19 7:00 PM Trenton at Lincoln Park
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 01/19 7:00 PM Taylor Kennedy at Southgate Anderson
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Varsity Basketball (Girls)

01/14 7:00 PM Dearborn Edsel Ford at Dearborn
 01/14 5:00 PM Detroit University YES Academy at Dearborn Advanced Tech
 01/15 7:00 PM Lincoln Park at Allen Park
 01/15 7:00 PM Trenton at Brownstown Woodhaven
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 01/15 7:00 PM Gibraltar Carlson at Southgate Anderson
 01/15 6:00 PM Detroit Delta Prep Academy for Social Justice at Taylor Baptist Park
 01/16 4:15 PM Dearborn Heights Robichaud at Dexter
 01/18 4:00 PM Riverview at Brownstown Woodhaven
 01/18 5:30 PM Cornerstone Health/Technology at Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy
 01/18 7:00 PM Riverview Gabriel Richard at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
 01/19 7:00 PM Taylor Truman at Allen Park
 01/19 7:00 PM Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist
 01/19 6:00 PM Taylor Preparatory at Detroit Allen Academy
 01/19 5:30 PM Detroit Cass Tech at Detroit East English
 01/19 6:00 PM Ecorse at Detroit Jalen Rose
 01/19 5:30 PM Detroit Western International at Detroit Osborn
 01/19 7:00 PM Brownstown Woodhaven at Melvindale
 01/19 6:00 PM Dearborn Advanced Tech at Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech
 01/19 7:30 PM Allen Park Cabrini at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
 01/19 5:30 PM Detroit Community at River Rouge
 01/19 5:30 PM Dearborn Henry Ford Academy at Romulus Summit Academy
 01/19 7:00 PM Plymouth at Westland John Glenn

Southfield Christian High School Girls Varsity Basketball falls to Macomb Christian Schools 48-53

The Lady Eagles lost on the road to Macomb Christian, 48 - 53. The Lady Eagles were led by senior Maurgan Lee with 19 points while freshman Kelly Hunter and junior Maranda Sailer contributed with 9 and 8 points, respectively. Macomb was led by Shaina Rawls with 27 points. The Lady Eagles now are 0-3 in the conference and 4-4 overall. They are at home this Thursday, January 14th against Greenhills.

Southfield Christian High School Boys Varsity Basketball beat Plymouth Christian 83-35

The boys basketball team defeated Plymouth Christian tonight on the road 83-35. The Eagles were led by Senior Marlo Brown with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Junior Brock Washington netted 15 points, Sophomore Bryce Washington had 13 points and Freshman Caleb Hunter added 10 points. Plymouth was led by Matt Malcolm with 16 points. The Eagles improve to 6-1 (4-0) and will host Inter City Baptist on Thursday at 6 PM.

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CITY OF INKSTER

In accordance with the City of Inkster City Charter Chapter 7, Sec. 7.9; an abstract of the proceedings of the January 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting is hereby published.

APPROVED:
Approval of the agenda.
Approval of the Consent Agenda.
Approval of Board Appointments to Board of Review (2) and Cable Commission.
Approval of 2016 meeting calendar dates for Brownfield Development Authority, Downtown Development Authority, Planning Commission, Tax Increment Finance Authority and Zoning Board of Appeals.
Approval of the vote taken in closed session.

Felicia Rutledge
City Clerk

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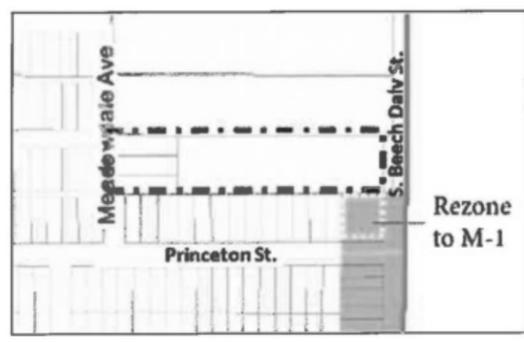
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RE: Case No. 15-16 (Z)

In accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Inkster City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 1, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141, to consider the following:

Rezoning of the southeastern corner of the property for a truck terminal and major vehicle repair facility from B-2 Thoroughfare Mixed-Use District to M-1 Light Industrial. The purpose of the proposed rezoning is to permit the use of the southeastern corner of the property for a truck terminal and major vehicle repair facility.

Alexander Leckman is the applicant. The subject property is located at the north of Princeton on the west side of Beech Daly Road and is legally described as follows:
30T137 TO 139 LOTS 137 TO 139 INCL YALE DALY HEIGHTS SUB NO. 2 T2S R10E L71 P68 WCR (Property ID #44-023-07-0137-000, Commonly Known As 2830 Beech Daly)



Public comments are invited. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Department, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Monday, February 1, 2016. Please reference Case No. 15-16 (Z) in all correspondence.
The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313.563.9770.

Felicia Rutledge Inkster City Clerk
PUBLISH: January 4, 2016

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CITY OF ECORSE PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ECORSE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Ecorse City Council at 7:30PM on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016 in the Albert Buday Civic Center, 3869 W. Jefferson Ave., Ecorse, Michigan, 48229. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the use of the 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant Funding.

It is estimated that approximately \$2,000,000.00 will be received through the CDBG Program funded through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These funds are available for projects that benefit low to moderate income persons.

2016-2017, CDBG Fund Allocations are as follows.

Sidewalk Replacement -	\$100,000.00
Fire Truck -	\$ 50,000.00
Ordinance Officer -	\$ 40,000.00
Housing Rehab -	\$ 15,000.00
Administration -	\$ 20,000.00
Total	\$224,000.00

The 2016-2017 funding levels may be reduced as a result of new census data and an overall reduction in federal grant funding.

Individuals or groups wishing to make oral presentations or submit prepared statements pertaining to the CDBG Program may do so at the Public Hearing. Interested parties who are unable to attend the Public hearing may submit their comments in writing to the City of Ecorse Clerk's Office located at 3869 W. Jefferson Ave., Ecorse, MI, 48229.

People with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the office of community development at (313) 386-2400 or the office of the city clerk at (313)38602520, at least three (3) business days in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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Car Buying Scams

From Page 1A

to purchase autos online ever. Why, you ask? There are too many opportunities for consumers to get scammed with their online auto purchases. The increased online research can put consumers in the line of fire with scammers. Knowing what to look for and avoid should you stumble into these situations, online or at the dealer, can save you headaches and a lot of money. Beware of:

Title Washing: After a car has been damaged beyond reasonable repair, due to things like hurricanes, catastrophic weather or simply a really bad crash, the car is referred to as a salvage vehicle/title because of the potential trouble with the car down the road. Title washing is a car selling scam that rids the vehicle of its salvaged status. How to Avoid: Get a vehicle history report from a reputable source such as the National Insurance Crime Bureau's VIN Check, CarFax or AutoCheck before you buy any vehicle. Understanding what the used car has been through before you purchase is imperative.

Disappearing Trade-In: Unscrupulous dealers sometimes make the trade-in amount disappear in a maze of paperwork and numbers. Another way is the dealer will offer a certain amount for the trade-in, no matter the car's condition in spite of current rebates or other incentives that could have reduced the new car's purchase price. Then the dealer takes the trade-in and sells it for a few hundred dollars more than what they gave as the guaranteed trade-in amount.

How to Avoid: Don't just accept the initial trade-in program the dealer has to offer. Know, in advance, the value of your trade in no matter the car's condition. Ask for a contract, with the amount that your trade-in itemized, to reflect the "all in" cost of acquiring the new car. Make sure the trade in value is reflected throughout all of your buying paperwork.

Negative Equity: A dealer says they'll pay off your trade, no matter how much you owe. Sounds great, right? But actually they may pay off what you owe on the trade in that is more than what the actual car is worth, creating what is known as negative equity. This becomes your problem when the car dealer adds the difference to your new car loan, or lease, which can total more than the value of your new car!

How to Avoid: Pay off the trade in car before signing any new loan or lease documents, no matter how much that really hot car is calling your name. Watching the pennies AND dollars of your new car acquisition is your responsibility, not the dealers, so make sure you understand ALL the documentation. Do not be embarrassed to ask questions. You are the one in the drivers' seat.

Low Credit Score: You've gone through all the ups and extras you want. You've been told what the price of the car is and how much your payments will be. You can't live without this car! But wait! After seeing the financing department regarding your purchase, the salesperson tells you that your credit score is too low to get the original financing package. Now, the car is going to cost you more, especially in the cost of the loan through increased interest rates. What do you do? Keep in mind that the fine print of advertised prices at a car dealer will likely say that the pay-

ments and price will vary according to your credit score.

How to Avoid: Know before you go! If you need to take a loan to acquire your dream car, it is imperative you know your credit score. Visit Equifax, Experian or TransUnion for a copy of your credit report. Review it in advance to make sure there's nothing improper with the report. If there is, you may want to postpone the car purchase and work on your credit report so you can get the best loan terms out there. Knowing your score can save you embarrassment and time should the cost of your favorite ride be above your ability to pay for it.

You could take it a step further and have a pre-approved loan in your back pocket to leverage against the dealership's price proposals. Visit your bank or credit union with the exact vehicle you are looking to purchase (including all the options and additional warranties) to see what your options are before you step foot into a dealership.

AS-IS: Buying a used car from a dealer? Looking at cars that come with the "as-is" label could mean a lower price, but, before signing the contract, know what "as-is" could mean for you later on. If a dealer makes extra promises, such as to repair the vehicle or cancel the sale if you're not satisfied, make sure to get that written in the contract. If no such promises are made, once you drive the car off the lot, the dealer/seller is no longer responsible for any further maintenance, breakdowns or other problems.

HOW TO AVOID: Before making a purchase, check the dealer's policy about purchasing cars as is. Test drive the car under as many driving conditions as you can. Lastly, be sure to take it to a trusted mechanic to check it for current or potential problems. Always carefully examine and save all paperwork with all things in writing that were agreed upon or promised.

Also, be sure to know the lemon laws of the state. Michigan's can be found here: <http://1.usa.gov/1R7KRcn>. If your auto manufacturer participates in the BBB AUTO LINE program, the BBB can help you negotiate with the manufacturer and, if necessary, hold an arbitration hearing. If your manufacturer does not participate in the AUTO LINE program, the BBB will route your complaint to that manufacturer.

For more information about the program, go to www.lemonlaw.bbb.org.

Have more questions? Don't know if you have everything you need before visiting the dealership? Check out <http://www.bbb.org/detroit/get-consumer-help/bbb-auto-resource-center/> knowing BBB is here to help. If you experience one of these scams, report it to the BBB at bbb.org/scam-tracker. We will do our best to assist!

RIVER ROUGE HOUSING PUBLIC NOTICE

River Rouge Housing Commission

Located at 180 Visger Rd., River Rouge, MI 48218 will be accepting applications for our Public Housing units all sizes from January 25, 2015 until January 29, 2015 between the hours of 9am until 1pm only. We will give out one application per person only.

We will not accept any applications after February 5, 2016 at 2pm.

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that on February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall located at 10600 West Jefferson Avenue, River Rouge, Michigan there will be a Public Hearing before the River Rouge City Council to consider the following budget amendment to the 2013 and 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program:

Reallocate \$110,968.12 from 2013 and 2014 Infrastructure Improvements to the Housing Rehabilitation Program.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said proposed CDBG budget amendment. Written comments may be submitted up to the meeting time and should be addressed to the City Clerk at the above address.

Patricia Johnson, City Clerk
City of River Rouge

CITY OF RIVER ROUGE PUBLIC NOTICE

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Pursuant to Federal Guidelines the City of River Rouge is announcing its Public Hearing and objectives for developing projects using Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

OBJECTIVES

- A) To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low and moderate income and/or to areas which meet the minimum requirements for CDBG eligibility of at least 42.39% low/moderate income persons.
- B) To eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay on a spot basis.
- C) To maintain, improve and develop affordable housing and infrastructure for all persons throughout the entire community.
- D) To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- E) Improve the residential environment by promoting the stabilization and/or long-term revitalization of neighborhoods with balanced housing opportunities, neighborhood improvements and economic development.
- F) To maintain a high level of performance in the management of all CDBG and non-federally funded programs, while offsetting administrative costs to the General Fund.

The City can expect to receive an annual allocation of approximately \$137,713.00 for FY 2016-2017.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS:

Infrastructure Improvements
Location: City-Wide
Amount: \$60,000.00

Public Services
Location: City-Wide
Amount: \$20,000.00

Housing Rehabilitation
Location: City-Wide
Amount: \$44,413.00

Administration: \$13,300.00

A public hearing is scheduled before Mayor and Council to approve CDBG projects on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 10600 West Jefferson Ave.

Interested persons are invited to comment on projects you would like to have funded by this program. We encourage your participation. If you have suggestions, but are unable to attend the meeting please write or call the City Clerk's Office (313) 842-5604, 10600 West Jefferson Ave., River Rouge, MI 48218.

Michael D. Bowdler
Mayor

Patricia Johnson, City Clerk
City Clerk

TELEGRAM

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DETROIT

Kung Fu Strength and Conditioning Training

Free weekly event for members of the Patton Recreation Center (located at 2301 Woodmere) from 2:00-4:00PM and 4:00-6:00PM on Fridays until May, 27, 2016. Ages 12 and over. Class will cover injury prevention, self-defense, and physical fitness endurance training.

Yoga (Patton)

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 from 6:00-7:00PM the Patton Recreation Center (2301 Woodmere) will be holding group yoga for members. Youth ages 12-17 must be accompanied by legal guardian and have a signed consent form. For more information, please call (313) 224-1100 or (313) 628-2000.

Yoga (Adams/Butzel)

Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 6:00-7:00PM the Adams Butzel Complex (located at 10500 Lyndon, 48238) will be holding group yoga for members. Youth ages 12-17 must be accompanied by legal guardian and have a signed consent form. For more information, please call (313) 224-1100 or (313) 628-0990.

3rd Precinct Community Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 from 6:00-7:30PM (the third Tuesday of the month), there will be a meeting for the 3rd Precinct at 7310 Woodward, 48202. For more information, please call (313) 596-5300.

INKSTER

Inkster Listening Project Saturday, January 16, 2016 St. Clements Episcopal Church (4300 Harrison) will be hosting a forum on Education as a Human Right from 11:00AM-1:00PM. To register please visit <http://detroityouthreport.org>. For more information, please call (313) 583-9395.

LINCOLN PARK

City Council Meeting Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:30PM there will be a city council meeting at the Council

Chambers which are on the 2nd floor at 1355 Southfield.

Hands of the City

Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 2:30 PM, there will be a gathering for anyone interested in joining a volunteering network that participates in all groups, associations, and events which need more hands and help. This event will take place at the Fort Street Brewery located at 1660 Fort St., 48146. If you have any further questions, please call councilman Chris Dardzinski at 734-775-2267.

RIVER ROUGE

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 6:30, there will be a city council meeting in the court room at city hall, located at 10600 W. Jefferson Ave., 48218.

ROMULUS

Teen Winter Reading

Tuesday, January 19, 2016, read and collect prizes. Ages 12-17. At the Romulus Public Library located at 11121 Wayne Rd., 48174. For more information, please call (734) 942-7589.

Family Story Time

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 beginning at 6:30PM at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Rd., 48174) will be hosting an all ages event including great stories, fun crafts, and snacks. Each week will have a theme. For more information, please call (734) 942-7589.

WAYNE

Business Empowerment

Monday, January 18, 2016 from 6:00-7:00PM, the Wayne Main Street's Business Empowerment meeting will meet to discuss ongoing projects that focus on revitalizing Downtown Wayne and creating an atmosphere that promotes filling vacant store fronts. Public is welcome! Located at 35000 Sims Street, 48184.

Rouge-A-Palooza Committee Meeting

Please join Kurt Kuban and Mathew Mulholland to discuss the 2015 RAP at Goudy Park. Please join in making this year's event a great success! The meeting will take place Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 7:00-8:00PM at the Wayne Activity and Banquet Center (WABC), on the corner of Sims and Wayne Road.

WESTLAND

Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Walk

Monday, January 18, 2016, at 9AM a Freedom Walk will take place from John Glenn High School (36105 Marquette, 48185) to the Friendship Center on Newburgh Road. Then there will be a Prayer Breakfast. At 10AM, there will be a presentation with key note speaker Mildred Gaddis, as well as some local church leaders.

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00PM there will be a city council meeting held at the city hall located at 36300 Warren Road, 48185. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, unless the meeting falls on a holiday.

WYANDOTTE

WBA Third Friday

Friday, January 15, 2016 at 5:00PM in downtown Wyandotte, there will be shops and restaurants that stay open later than usual, offer giveaways, specials, and discounts. There are horse and carriage rides. Third Fridays are funded by the Downtown Development Authority and run by the Wyandotte Business Association. For more information, please visit www.wyandottebiz.org or call 734-324-4514.

City Council

Monday, January 18, 2016 at 7:00PM, there will be a city council meeting in the council chambers, located at 3200 Bidle Ave., suite 300.

List compiled by Estefania Arellano Telegram Intern

Mother's Pantry

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Mother's Pantry, located at 27717 Carlisle Street in Inkster

teers in 2016.

"We need help with a few things, the first being more staffing to assist in our day to day operations (this includes stocking shelves, data input and hands on servicing of our client partners)," she said. "We also need plastic, paper or reusable bags for families who need to take food home from our facility. And lastly, we need people who can help with the responsibility of building our organization. That extra manpower is necessary to open up more opportunities for us."

Currently, Mother's Pantry runs Wednesday 10 AM - 12:30 PM, Thursday 10 AM - 11:30 PM, in addition to the 4th Thursday of each month. With the addition of more volunteers, the organization hopes to expand its days and times for operation, which will include evenings and possible weekends.

Those interested in volunteer-

ing can visit the pantry to complete an application (if hired, training will be provided to each new volunteer). For businesses wishing to aid in the advancement of Mother's Pantry, Overman recommends taking up collections within their local establishments.

"Businesses in Inkster may request a can to collect donations; this could be placed at a register or anywhere in their building to help Mother's Pantry," she said. "For every \$1 donated, a family of four receives a meal through Gleaners. We're a nonprofit, so everything we receive comes from the community. We're looking forward to fundraising and finding more donor partners as well."

For additional information about volunteering opportunities at Mother's Pantry, please contact Jean Overman at 734-709-7806.

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Activities at the 2016 International Auto Show



It's the time of year when the automotive universe turns its attention to the heart of the industry, as all roads lead to Detroit in January. There are different themes throughout the show. Listed below are many of the activities.

Cars on Parade

Everyone loves a parade, and this year's NAIAS will feature a parade of cars, local stars and some special surprises from The Parade Company, organizers of America's Thanksgiving Parade. During the Public Show — from Jan. 16-24 — the NAIAS will feature a parade on the main show floor at 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily. Each parade will feature a host of ultra-luxury automobiles, local personalities from television, radio and sports, and even some clowns and special props from The Parade Company.

MLive Day

MLive will be celebrating the 2016 North American International Auto Show on the first public day, Saturday January 16th. In celebration, please visit the Mlive Glitterbooth, a complimentary Photo Booth for attendees, available between the hours of 9am and 1pm. These free photos will be available to each participant, and will appear on the big screens throughout the show. MLive will also kick off the 2016 NAIAS photo contest that will run throughout the length of the show, complete with prizes from BOSE. When snapping photos of the show, think about the categories, like "best selfie" "best photo of Detroit" "best car" "best family photo" and more. Entering is easy, just post your photos from the show to your favorite social media channel, using the hashtag #NAIAS. (Photo Booth photos will also be included in the con-

test.) Don't miss the first public day of the North American International Auto Show, MLive day, Saturday January 16th.

2016 NAIAS Photo Contest

In partnership with NAIAS, MLive has announced a new 2016 NAIAS Photo Contest that gives auto show attendees the opportunity to share their favorite shots from the show for a chance to win an exciting array of Bose products.

Using the official auto show hashtag, #NAIAS, show visitors can post their photos on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook in the following categories: Best Selfie, Best Photo of the City of Detroit, Best Electric Vehicle, Best Family Photo, Best Concept Car, Best Black and White Photo, Best Luxury Car and Best Domestic Car.

As attendees post their photos using #NAIAS, the photos will be shared throughout the show on Mlive.com and NAIAS.com. The top five photos will be posted on Mlive.com for the public to vote on. The winner in each category will receive a Bose prize pack, and runner-ups will also receive prizes courtesy of Bose, MLive and NAIAS.

Please note: Early access will be provided on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 8:00 a.m. to individuals bringing in photography equipment. Please enter through Hall C.

Military Day

Tuesday, January 19, 2016
Presented by The Kroger Co. of Michigan. Military and veterans providing ID will receive a ticket discount.

NAIAS Education Days

NAIAS Education Days, which will

be open to school groups of all ages on Wednesday January 20 and to Detroit Public School pre-K students in support of Grow Up Great on Thursday January 21. NAIAS Education Days provide an educational opportunity to learn more about the automotive industry. More than 4,000 area school children attend. Education Days are supported by Ally Financial, Shell and PNC.

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

• **Ally Financial** – NAIAS Education Day partner, Ally Financial will host sessions on credit and budgeting as part of its Ally Wallet Wise free financial education program. Wallet Wise teaches financial education basics in the areas of budget, credit, banking, investing and financing a vehicle via in-person sessions and online courses at AllyWalletWise.com. Select NAIAS Education Day high school students are invited to participate in Wallet Wise sessions, which will teach the importance of maintaining a balanced budget, as well as the fundamentals of applying for and maintaining good credit.

• **Shell** – NAIAS Education Day partner, Shell will provide opportunities for Educators to sign up for school field trip information and will have free paper car kits to give out.

The Detroit Tigers Winter Caravan

Fans of the American League Central Division Champions Detroit Tigers will have the chance to see some of their favorite players and even Tigers mascot PAWS when the team stops by on Friday, January 22.

WXYZ Family Day

Family Day returns on Friday, January 22 and features celebrity appearances, "live" music on the atrium stage and family-fun activities and features musical performances, giveaways and a chance to meet your favorite on-air personalities from 7 Action News.

For more information visit www.naias.com

ASK ALMA

When it comes to "outing" family members, don't.



Dear Alma,

I think my nephew is gay. I would even go so far as to say I know that he is gay. I don't know why my sister, or his father or sisters and brothers can't see it. This boy is gay and it's time for him to come "out" and tell the truth. I don't know if he is worried about what our family and friends might think or if he thinks we will no longer love him. I'm just not sure but things need to change and the truth has to be told. My sister acts like she is blind to this fact and is always talking about him and his many girlfriends. There's no way this can be true or these friends are just that: friends that are girls, because he is gay. I am sick of it and ready to end the lies. I'm just tired of the charade. These girls are getting their hopes up and I know he is not interested in them. Our family needs to stop acting like he is not gay. I'm just not doing it anymore. How would you suggest I tell my sister she needs to wake up and just tell the truth?

— Aunt Bea

What! Wait! No, no indeed, this is not your issue. Quick, put it in reverse and back your way out of this personal and private

state of affairs. Understand the need for you to stay in your lane, cause you've clearly crossed over the double yellow lines. Just because you think he's gay doesn't make him gay and just because you want to "out" him, doesn't mean he's ready to reveal his sexual preference – to you, his family or the rest of the world. Clearly to me, Aunt Bea, you're about to overstep your boundaries.

Although I tried, I can't resist asking, are you cray-cray? Why in the world would you even think this has anything to do with you? You are so waaay off course, so astronomically off the mark, I just can't...breathe. Your mindset has me blown away. So, please back off before you get more than your feelings hurt.

Hear me when I say, for the love of all things dipped in chocolate – back down, withdraw, and extract yourself from this situation. If just for this one time, sit on your behind and mind your own business. Your sister doesn't need to wake up, you do. Wash your face and clean the thoughtlessness out of your eyes. The path set ahead for your nephew to follow, requires only one set of footprints, his. You are never, ever, invited, welcomed or called to cross it.

Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: alwaysaskalma@gmail.com. Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and Twitter @almaaskalma.

WHAT IS YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTION?

NUMEROLOGY

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857	3137	1048
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Downriver Team hosts annual free resource fair for human service and health care professionals



The Healthy Downriver Community Team, a local community collaborative, will present its annual free resource fair "Mending the Safety Net", Friday, January 22nd from 8:30 am-11:30 am at Wayne County Community College District-Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline Road, Taylor. This event is an opportunity for non-profit direct service providers to attend and/or have an exhibit table, at no cost. This event is designed for family services workers, hospital and school social workers, nurses, case managers, any health, human services, education or early childhood professionals or volunteers who assist families in need.

For exhibitor info and registration, or general info about the event, please contact Rita Turner-Sheerin at ritat@theinfocenter.info Registration is not necessary to attend the event. Mending the Safety Net is sponsored by the Healthy Downriver Community Team, a local community collaborative with active participation from The Information Center, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, Wayne County Community College District-Downriver Campus, The Guidance Center, Downriver Community Conference, Trenton Exchange Club, Community Care Services and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

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