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Inkster launches Listening Project

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Inkster residents gather to discuss education

In November, the Detroit L.I.F.E Coalition (DLC) and Amnesty International hosted the Detroit Listening Project to highlight education reform in America. Following the event, a similar initiative was launched addressing the dissolution of the Inkster Public School District in 2013 – an effort that will eventually converge with other national projects to expose enduring issues plaguing the U.S. education system. Last month, Inkster’s first project kicked off with a bang, exposing key concerns long

expressed by residents regarding the sudden closure of the local school district. “The feedback we received provided an amazing reflection of how our communities truly feel about our schools,” said DLC representative, Maulana Tolbert. “We saw an intergenerational balance of participants – some alumni who actually graduated from Inkster Public Schools, and also younger students who are now being bused to other districts, or even catching public transportation to get back and

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Gov. Rick Snyder takes action on initial findings from Flint Water Task Force



President of the Western Wayne NAACP Branch -Bishop Walter Stargill Jr. with Bishop Bernadel Jefferson from Flint displaying water during the NAACP meeting last November

In response to initial findings from the Flint Water Task Force, Gov. Rick Snyder today issued the following statement: “When I became aware that the city of Flint’s water showed elevated lead levels and that the state’s handling of the situation was being questioned, I requested funding to switch the source back to the Great Lakes Water Authority and appointed an independent task force to identify possible missteps and areas for improvement. “The task force has done an exceptional job, reviewing

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The senseless killings must stop

The use of guns is the common thread

By: Gina Steward - Special to the Telegram Newspaper



Several protest were held around the country to address the senseless murders

Over the last five years, you can’t turn on the news without hearing about someone being killed. Not that they died of some health condition, but that

they died at the hands of another and in most cases it was by a gun shot. Is it the people, the situation or the availability of guns that cause this?

From most media sources, it would seem that Black people are committing most of the killings. But many experts

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Fascinating New Year’s traditions from around the world

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter

As a way to usher in the New Year, have you ever eaten black eyed peas, kissed a stranger at midnight, or baked a cake stuffed with coins? Each of these traditions have very significant origins, some of which date back several centuries. To commemorate the coming of 2016, here’s a breakdown of various New Year’s customs around the globe.



Peas for pennies, greens for dollars, and cornbread for gold In the southern United States, eating black eyed peas on New Year’s Day marks a tradition that originated during slavery,



eventually extending into the post-Civil War/Reconstruction era. Consuming the popular bean dish symbolizes economic prosperity, and is typically accompanied by a side of collard, mustard or turnip greens (the flat, colorful vegetables ultimately represent money). Of course, the meal is never complete without a generous helping of cornbread – making up a hearty, appetizing feast designed to launch the New Year on a positive note.



Las doce uvas de la suerte (the 12 grapes of luck) In Spain, as well as other Latin countries/cultures, a popular New Year’s practice involves eating grapes at the stroke of midnight. Per tradition, 12

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CALL TO ACTION

Gun Violence is out of control

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said that most people -- whether black or white -- are murdered by people in their own racial group, and that has held true for decades. Information from the FBI's Crime in the United States reports that, 84 percent of white victims were killed by whites and 93 percent of black victims were killed by blacks.

The problem is not who is doing the killing, it is why are the killings happening. Over the last few years, data proved that 1) Innocent people are being killed because of greed, bad decision making and ineffective conflict resolution. People have been victims of one car jacking after another where the suspect is not only stealing their vehicle, they are taking the life of the driver too. 2) Innocent kids are being killed as a result of adult making bad decisions. A dispute between two ladies who happen to have kids by the same man, ended with a 7 year old being shot to death and an 8 year old being shot. Nothing

was reported about the intended adult being shot. 3) Family members are being killed because of a dispute over money. A cousin shoots and kills his close family member because he didn't pay him the money that he owed. Those aren't the only situations, but those are the most common ones reported. The statement 'Black Lives Matter' has been shouted during many protest over the last few years. This was in an attempt to bring attention to the killing of Black men by white police officers. Several young unarmed black men have been and are continuing to be shot and killed by police. However, that number is nowhere close to the number of unarmed people being killed by black people. Over a seven- day period in Metropolitan Detroit, there was one case of a police officer killing a black person and nine killings of black people with one being a kid. Some of the suspects haven't been found, but statistics say that there is a 93% chance that they were killed by another black person. As the new year begins, these types of killings must stop. The common thread in all of these situations is the use and availability of guns.

The Violence Policy Committee found that over the last five years, for every one justifiable homicide in the United States involving a gun, guns were used in 44 criminal homicides.



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Flint water crisis

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Gov. Rick Snyder

stacks of documents and interviewing scores of Flint, Genesee County, state and federal officials. Although the task force's final report is not yet completed, members have made me aware of some interim findings and corrective steps that I have decided to take immediately in order to restore trust in how the state keeps its citizens safe and informed.

"We'll continue to work with the community members to make sure we hear and respond to their concerns.

"In addition, MDEQ Director Dan Wyant has offered his resignation, and I've determined that it's appropriate to accept it. I'm also making other personnel changes at MDEQ to address problems cited by the task force.

"But changes in leadership and staff are not enough. I un-

derstand there can be disagreements within the scientific community. That is why I have directed both the departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services to invite every external scientist who has worked on this issue to be our partners in helping us improve Flint water. Let's share research on water and blood lead level testing so we can arrive at accurate and mutually supported conclusions. Together, we should work to affirm that we're using the very best testing protocols to ensure Flint residents have safe drinking water and that we're taking steps to protect their health over the short and long term.

"I want the Flint community to know how very sorry I am that this has happened. And I want all Michigan citizens to know

that we will learn from this experience, because Flint is not the only city that has an aging infrastructure.

"I know many Flint citizens are angry and want more than an apology. That's why I'm taking the actions today to ensure a culture of openness and trust. We've already allocated \$10 million to test the water, distribute water filters, and help in other ways. Last week, I called Flint Mayor Karen Weaver, and we're going to meet soon to discuss other ways the state can offer assistance.

"These are only initial steps - we fully expect to take more actions following the recommendations of our task force. When it comes to matters of health and quality of life, we're committed to doing everything we can to protect the well-being of our citizens."

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Schedule of Events:

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.
9:30 am - MLK Celebration in the Romulus High School Auditorium

Please contact Rev. Arthur Willis, Committee Chairman, at (313) 701-2423 or Ellen Craig-Bragg at (734) 955-4545, for more information

Creating Conscious Black Millionaires

By James Clingman - NNPA Columnist



Black folks have the ability to create our own conscious millionaires. We have certainly done it for others for a long time now. Conscious Black millionaires, by definition, would most assuredly use some of their money to assist the Black collective; conscious Black millionaires would not hesitate to use their resources to help empower our people; conscious Black millionaires would not be afraid to espouse the principles of economic empowerment and then use their money to support it.

This is not a pipedream, folks. It can, should, and must be done. To make real progress, we must move beyond rallies, speeches, protests, philosophy, pontification, intellectual rhetoric without commensurate action, and mere symbolism without real substance.

Every rational person knows that at some point, everything we do to challenge injustice and to obtain the economic and political reciprocity we seek and deserve, will require money. Look at the amount of money spent on travel and accommodations to attend all the marches and demonstrations of the recent past. It would have been better spent on legal battles in the courts and placing initiatives on local ballots across the nation.

Who should fund the initiatives we take on to deal with inequities and unfairness against Blacks? Who should benefit from the dollars we spend to accomplish our goals? As Ken Bridges would say, "That be us, y'all."

The revolution will not be televised, but it must be financed, and we should benefit economically from our expenditures and activities associated with our fight for freedom. Currently, our dollars are benefiting everyone else as we run for freedom, as we protest, as we demonstrate, and as we conduct our conventions and other meetings around the country. I recall how proud I was when I attended the Bring Back Black meeting, in 2007 at the Black-owned and operated Dudley convention complex in Kernersville, N.C.; a Black caterer prepared our food, and everything else that could be done with Black vendors was done. It was the same at our MATAH conferences from 1998-2002.

Every convention cannot do that, but if we create conscious

Black millionaires, some of them would do what the Founder of Compro Tax, Jackie Mayfield, did in Beaumont, Texas. He and Brother Yusef Muhammad built their own convention center. They are, indeed, conscious Black millionaires and, like others that I know, they are not only taking care of their families, they are also doing a great deal to help others, via business opportunities and philanthropy. Many are unaware that they helped Maggie and John Anderson in their efforts to get the Empowerment Experiment off the ground. No fanfare, just quietly and humbly paying it forward, the way conscious Black people do. Is Compro Tax preparing your return this year, or is your money going to one of those companies that do nothing for Black folks in return?

Imagine the progress we would make by creating millionaires like Jackie and Yusef. The good news is that we can do it merely by putting our financial support behind the efforts of a conscious brother or sister who have demonstrated a willingness to sacrifice and walk the walk when it comes to the overall empowerment of Black people.

Creating conscious Black millionaires is one of the objectives of the One Million Conscious Black Voters and Contributors Campaign. We know that simply by issuing a call for our members to purchase one pint of Ice Supreme from Ashiki Taylor's company we would have a conscious millionaire. The same by buying one T-shirt from a Black company, one book from Rosie Milligan, one pound of Nefertiti Coffee from Roger Madison's Izania marketplace, one product from Keidi Awadu or Bob Law's Namaskar Health Foods, or even a couple of rolls of toilet tissue from Freedom Paper Company. C'mon y'all; this is not difficult.

Those folks will use their resources to assist us in our fight for empowerment. They will do it because their consciousness will allow them to do no less. Conscious brothers and sisters consider it their "reasonable" service to support one another, to contribute to one another's causes, and to let their actions speak louder than their words.

We have created a lot White millionaires by buying their products. Don't you think we should be able to look at their work and see a reciprocal benefit to Black folks? There should be some collective gain. Have they given us a return on our investment? Or, have they and their friends and families been the only ones to gain? Stop supporting shysters, hustlers, and hucksters.

Let's use more of our money to create "conscious" Black millionaires. Imagine the possibilities. Go to www.iamoneofthemillion.com, sign up, and let's get started.

Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people.

Common New Year's Resolutions

1 Retrofit last year's achievements

Of your dozen or so resolutions, at least three should be goals that were accidentally met in 2015 but which were never granted full status as resolutions simply because you neglected to resolve to do them – or not do them –

2 Don't let the drink dictate

Any resolution you made while drunk or crying on New Year's Eve doesn't count, even if that resolution was to stop getting drunk and crying at New Year's Eve parties.

3 Resolutions made upon waking the next day are also non-binding

You're not always going to feel that hungover, and you deserve a right to reconsider all rash pronouncements once you're able to keep a cup of tea down.

4 Avoid the top 10 resolutions

Losing weight, quitting smoking, getting fit etc. Everyone does these, which means you'll be faced with competition, and competition means attention. If all your friends know and share your 2016 aspirations, it'll be that much more embarrassing when it comes time to chuck those goals under a bus in mid-February. A good resolution should be simple enough to state in one sentence, and yet peculiar enough that there is no Facebook group for it – something along the lines of: "I resolve to cultivate a personal style so striking that Japanese tourists will take pictures of me when I go out to buy lightbulbs."

5 Be realistic

Don't say: "I'm going to write a book in 2016." Do say: "I'm going to start writing a book on holiday, get about 8,000 words in before taking a few days off to think about how I might spend the film-rights money, then suddenly have another, even better, idea for a book, then give up on both projects in order to spend the autumn feeling bad about myself." It's all about setting achievable, incremental targets and sticking to them.

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Four States may soon need passports on domestic flights in the U.S

By Jim Abeare - Telegram Columnist



First you needed to get a passport to travel from the United States into Canada. Soon you may need a passport to travel from New York to Chicago.

There is confusion growing in how would-be flyers from Louisiana, Minnesota, New Hampshire and New York would board plane when the provisions of the Real ID Act go into effect.

Their state ID and driver's license process fail to meet federal standards. Passengers from those four states would likely need a passport.

In the case of non-citizens they would need immigration documents for air travel in the United States.

The rules raise several concerns, such as the expense of getting a passport.

It costs an adult \$110 to get a first passport or renew an old one.

In two states there is a way around the passport option. New York will offer an enhanced ID that meets Transportation Security Administration guidelines, but it will cost an extra \$30 on top of normal fees. Minnesota offers one too, but Louisiana and New Hampshire don't.

The Real ID Act of 2005 was a

post-Sept. 11 measure that tightened access to federal facilities and created a national standard for state-issued IDs; Time reports the four states missed the cut because they either lack an appropriately rigorous verification process for identities or immigration status or because the physical cards they produce don't contain certain security features. The law has been rolled out by the Department of Homeland Security in several phases and the rules governing air travel could take effect next year, though that date is very much up in the air.

You figure in ten years those states could get in line with the rest of the country, but because of whatever reason didn't.

American Samoa is also affected. They must present a passport or other approved documents.

Children under 18 will continue to travel domestically without having to present documents.

This will create agitation and confusion at the airports whenever the rules go into effect.

With this slippery slope opened how long will it be before you need a passport for other things, such as traveling on the toll roads around the country? The east coast is full of them.

Will a New Yorker need to show a passport to go into New Jersey?

What about interstate trade? There are many more questions to ask.

The Huffington Post contributed to this column.

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Knee Pads

by Janine Folks By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



Some people do not try things because they are afraid of falling. People don't like to fall, because usually, falling hurts. It's embarrassing and you could possibly get injured. So it's no wonder why people are paralyzed by this fear of falling.

There is much territory uncharted, dreams unfulfilled, and full potential not realized due to the fear of falling. The fear of falling makes me think back to when I played roller derby.

As an official rule, we were not allowed on the track to play unless we had on full gear, in addition to our skates. This included knee pads, as well as a helmet, elbow pads, mouth guard, and wrist guard. Falling is inevitable in roller derby. It's going to happen. But the thing is, you have to protect yourself and we did that by wearing our gear. Knee pads would not stop us from falling, but it would cushion the knees to absorb the impact and keep you protected.

I remember getting hit one time and I knew I was going down. I could not avoid this fall that I knew was coming. Therefore, knowing I was about to fall, the best thing I could do was fall well. I knew my knee pads were on, so I made sure I landed properly on my knees and it wouldn't hurt me. Without the knee pads, my knees would've been completely crushed. But I knew my protective gear was under me, so I didn't worry.

Sometimes in life, we see ourselves about to fall. But when we are geared up properly, there is no need to fear. Just

like there's the rule that you cannot play roller derby if you don't have on your gear, in life we should be required to put gear on. The whole armor of God!

"Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Eph 6.11)."

"...having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, (v.14-18)."

If we do this, we don't have to live in fear. We don't have to be afraid to follow our dreams and fulfill our destiny. We won't be afraid to leave our comfort zone because we know God has us covered. If we fall, He will be there because we are in relationship with Him. Always put on your gear and the idea of falling will not terrify you.

Take that attitude into 2016 with you!! Time is short! Time out for being too afraid to do what you know you need to do. Tighten up your relationship with God and KNOW that He alone has your covered!! "He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart (Psa 91.4)." Make this an amazing year!! God is with you!!

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy (Jude 24)."


Happy New Year 2016!!!

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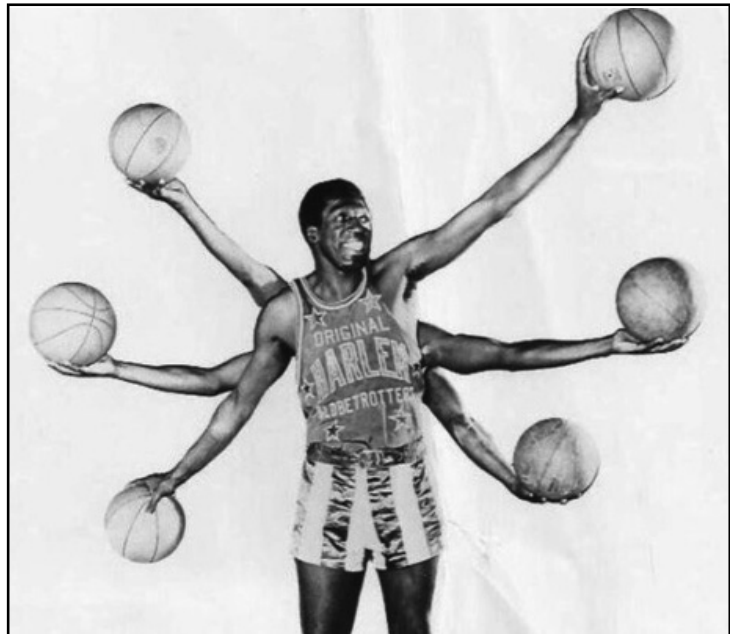

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"Meadowlark" Lemon Gone, However not Forgotten

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



George "Meadowlark" Lemon transcended sports, especially among us children. Picture from the Harlem Globetrotters

The National Basketball Association has center stage on Christmas Day with game all day long. However, some of us from the old school days knew it was the holiday season when on a Saturday before or after Christmas would cut on the television to watch ABC's Wide World of Sports at 5:00PM and receive a special treat. A touring exhibition basketball team known for its slick ball-handling, practical jokes, red-white-and-blue uniforms and multiyear winning streaks against overmatched opponents known as the Harlem Globetrotters. George "Meadowlark" Lemon was one of a handful of Globetrotters whose fame transcended sports, especially among us children then during the team's heyday in the 1960s and 1970s. Lemon, a basketball star who entertained millions of fans around the world with his antics as a longtime member of the Harlem Globetrotters, died Sunday in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was 83. I remember Meadowlark making hook shots from half court and farther and better than Ka-

reem Jabbar and Magic Johnson ever display. Also he made the young and the young at heart laugh. Nicknamed the "clown prince" of basketball, he likewise founded a trademark routine in which he drenched a referee with a bucket of water and then pranked fans by heaving another bucket, filled with confetti, not water into the stands as people scrambled to get out of the way. It was truly funny. Lemon was immortalized in a Harlem Globetrotters cartoon series and appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show," episodes of "Scooby Doo" and many national TV commercials with playing 24 seasons and by his own estimate more than 16,000 games with the Globetrotters. Everything was not always peaches and cream with Meadowlark in a salary dispute, he left the Globetrotters in 1979 to form his own comedic basketball teams, which performed under the names Meadowlark Lemon's Bucketeers, the Shooting Stars and Meadowlark

Lemon's Harlem All Stars. However, he returned to the Harlem Globetrotters for a 50-game "comeback" tour in 1993 at the age of 61 years old. He also began an Ordain Minister educating many to know and excepting Jesus Christ. George "Meadowlark" Lemon was BIG part of many people around the world in the good old days in the 50s, 60s, 70s, and beyond.

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News from the Ethel Stevenson Senior Center of Ecorse

By Earleen McDaniel - Contributing Writer

Ecorse Seniors host Annual Christmas Party



Seniors from the community come out for an afternoon of fellowship and entertainment
Photo by Robert Fierson

The senior citizen's annual Christmas party was a huge success. The party was held on December 21 at Ecorse High School. People from all over the city were there along with representatives from the various programs that operate out of the center. Many local officials were represented including our Mayor Tidwell.

The decorations inspired an atmosphere of Christmas joy that added to the festivities. The excellence of home grow talent was top notch. The decorations, food, and entertainment were all done locally. Dinner was served and prizes were given.

Entertainment included the Ecorse High School Jazz Ensemble, YoYo, Evangelist Whitsett, and the Newly Anointed. The instructors from

the Kidney Foundation's Exercise Class which are also from this area, did a hustle demonstration that got everyone on their feet.

It was an exciting afternoon of seeing old friends and making new ones.

The Center would like to thank all who contributed to the success of this year's affair.

Happy New Years to everyone!! Wishing you peace and joy in the coming year



Seniors learn how to hustle during the Christmas Party
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Lomas Raymond Shaw, Sr. will turn 100 years old on New Year's Eve!



Deacon Lomas Raymond Shaw, Sr. tipping his hat

Born on December 31, 1915 in Owens, South Carolina (near Greenville), Lomas is the last surviving of 12 children born to Emery Wade and Mariah Shaw.

Mr. Shaw moved to Inkster, Michigan in 1939 with his young bride, Dr. Emmalee Shaw, after attending Friendship College in Rock Hill, S.C. They were married for 75 years prior to her transition to glory this past March, 2015.

Lil Shaw (as he was affectionately called by co-workers) was employed almost 40 years initially as a street car driver and retired as a bus driver from DSR (Detroit Street Railroad) now called DDOT. He remains an avid gardener and can be found maintaining his perfectly manicured lawn and elaborate flower beds at his home in Inkster.

Deacon Shaw is still a very vibrant and active member of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit where he

serves communion, teaches Sunday School, attends mid-week Bible Study, and participates in the ministry to visit nursing homes and the sick and shut-in, and readily shares the gospel of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection to pay the penalty for our sins and provide eternal life to all who believe.

Deacon Shaw has always valued clean living and a healthy lifestyle. He proudly proclaims, "I never smoked cigarettes or drank whiskey. I eat lots of vegetables and (until recently), run 10 miles a day." However, he admits that his longevity is solely attributed to the goodness of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. His favorite verse and life motto is Psalm 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation

A 100th Birthday Celebration will be held on December 31st at Tabernacle, where more than 200 family members and friends will be in attendance.

Happy 100th Birthday Deacon Shaw!

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New Year's Tradition

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grapes are consumed for each month of the year, with many participants opting to make a wish as they ingest each delectable piece of fruit. All grapes must be eaten within one minute, signaling peace, prosperity and good fortune for the next 12 months.



Beware of the flying toaster
As part of a practice now outlawed by police, residents in areas of South Africa would toss appliances from windows and balconies to clean house and start fresh in the New Year (this included toasters, microwaves, refrigerators, couches and other large pieces of furniture). As a result, law enforcement would issue civilian notices warning of the potential dangers posed by flying objects on New Year's Eve. Today, the risky tradition has been banned due to injuries suffered by unsuspecting bystanders.



Show me the money cake
In Greece, locals bake Vasilopita cakes stuffed with a hidden coin on New Year's Eve.

As families gather for holiday festivities, one slice is given to each attendee, with the oldest person eating first. The individual who finds the coin buried in their piece of cake will enjoy good luck for the rest of the year.



Kiss me you fool
Whether you're out at a fancy party or watching the ball drop from home, western tradition suggests that kissing someone at midnight marks your fate for the New Year. Popular belief states that couples who lock lips at 12 AM will experience a prosperous year together. Likewise for single dwellers, kissing a partner at midnight will prevent 365 days of loneliness (the kiss can be shared with a stranger, or otherwise). According to USA Today, "this custom may also date back to ancient European times as a way to ward off evil spirits."



Que the fireworks
In China, fireworks are used to cap off the joyous entrance of a New Year. According to Chinese tradition, loud noises

drive away evil spirits and potential misfortune for the next 365 days. Likewise, the person who launches the first firework is believed to have good luck for the duration of the upcoming year.



All the single ladies
For unwed women in the European nation of Belarus, skills competitions indicate who will find a husband in the New Year. In some instances, single ladies gather in a circle surrounded by piles of corn and a lone rooster. In the end, whoever the rooster walks toward first will be the newest bride in the coming days.

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Listening Project

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forth to school. We loved hearing these stories, so we decided to do it all again. We're hoping to gain even more insight during our second round of discussions." On January 16th, Saint Clement's Church will host Inkster's Listening Project: Part 2, an event that could draw an even larger crowd than the first. As the initiative continues, more programs will continue to emerge throughout Metro Detroit as DLC works to expose how working class/low-income families and students remain affected by corporate education intervention. According to DLC member Kamau Kheperu, listening project data will eventually be published in a book that will ultimately be seen by the United Nations. "We're doing these projects locally, but in the meantime, additional U.S. cities are conducting their own," he said. "We'll combine our findings with others across the country to organize a national book release. This will occur in front of the U.N. in New York." No date has been set for the book release, though Kheperu and Tolbert remain optimistic about the publication and its potential impact on education reform. In the end, as listening projects continue throughout the U.S., the ultimate goal re-

mains to guarantee quality education as a human right for each and every citizen in our nation. "This is not just about Inkster or Detroit; this is a story affecting students throughout the state of Michigan, and in cities around the country," said Tolbert. "We're hoping to use this project as a direct reflection of what's happening in our schools so that the U.N. will possibly find it necessary to conduct an investigation." Kheperu echoes these sentiments. "The final question we ask during each listening project is: What is your dream educational experience? This allows us to see what education could look like based on those most affected by adverse changes in our system," he said. "In the end, self-reliance is key. Sure, outside support is necessary, but it's also important that we use this as an opportunity to establish something on our own by eventually creating the kinds of schools we know Inkster wants. It's definitely possible." Inkster's Listening Project: Part 2 will take place on January 16th, from 11 AM to 1 PM at St. Clement's Episcopal Church (4300 Harrison). For more information, please visit <http://detroityouthreport.org/>.

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The Best is yet to come

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



Will Caldwell coach another year with the Detroit Lions?
Photo by Butch Davis

Yes, Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls there is one more game to go for our hometown professional football team Detroit Lions and then the fun begins. However, first, the Lions conclude the 2015 regular season with a road matchup with the NFC North-rival Chicago Bears. Detroit heads to the Windy City following a 32-17 win over San Francisco at Ford Field in Week 15, while Chicago is coming off a 26-21 win at Tampa Bay. The Lions and Bears met earlier this season in Week 6, with Detroit claiming victory, 37-34 in overtime. Detroit and Chicago have met 171 times in the regular season, with Chicago holding the all-time series edge, 96-70-5.

Then after the cleaning out of the locker room with the players of the team going their separate ways the fun will begin. As you know the organization is still in the hunt for a General Manager in which the faith of Head Coach Jim Caldwell will be remedied by either allowing him to stay and finish his contract, or being paid for free and be sacked

(dismissed). Here are some of the questions from the media and answers for the time being from Jim Caldwell this past Monday.

On his case to the new general manager to remain as head coach: "You know, the only thing I look at, to be honest with you, is this week and this week only. We've got a game ahead of us and we're playing a team that's a tough team to beat at home with a lot of weapons, so we've got our work cut out for us. That's our focus."

On if he thinks retaining his job depends on the outcome of this week's game: "My focus is strictly on this ball game, that's it. Strictly on the game."

On how he approaches this game knowing it could be his last as the Lions' head coach: "You know, I approach it just like I do any other day that I've coached in my life – 1978, when I first started coaching. Any day could be my last day, so it's no different for me."

On if he addresses that possibility with the team: "It's no different for me. I never addressed it with anybody else,

any place else I've ever been, so no."

On if he thinks he has improved his chances of being retained due to the recent winning: "I don't worry about that. That's not my concern. My concern is this ball game coming up."

On the challenges for his coaching staff amidst the uncertainty: "Our staff is - They're focused. The future they have right now is this next ball game coming up. That's what they're looking at, that's what they're concerned about."

On the pressure for head coaches to win in the NFL: "It's never changed. There's no difference. It's not like some new phenomenon in coaching. It's been that way forever, you know? It's just the nature of the beast."

On if he takes any satisfaction from the team winning five of the last seven games: "I really don't concern myself with that. I don't concern myself with defending myself or anything of that nature. I only concern myself with trying to win, and that's really it."

On the morale of the staff and players during this recent winning streak: "You know what? Anytime you win, it just gives you a little bit of a boost going into the next week, but the next week is what counts. So, we're really focused ahead."

Now on the bright side, the Detroit Lions defense allowed just 57 total yards and 0 points in the second half against the San Francisco 49ers as the team claimed a 32-17 win. The Lions held the 49ers to negative one yard rushing and 58 passing yards. It was the lowest yards allowed by the Lions in the second half of a game since the Lions limited the Minnesota Vikings to 57 yards December 10, 2006. However, the real work will begin after the season ends when the Lions upper brass decides the fortunes of a team that many of us though would have been better in winning the North Division, a playoff game (only one win in 60 years) and a chance of going to the Super Bowl, something that this organization has never accomplished. In addition, the decision on keeping Calvin Johnson and Matthew Stafford are very much up so in the air. This off-season will be very interesting, do you agree?

League play will Commence

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter

League play in girls and boys varsity high school basketball has now begun. Players of their high school teams will be giving their all in the pursuit of receiving a ticket to play and maybe dance at the Breslin Center in East Lansing Michigan for the right to partake in the high school basketball finals of their teams ensuing divisions. Here are the games being played this week in the Telegram News reading area.

Boys Basketball Varsity

- 01/02 5:00 PM, Saginaw Arthur Hill at Detroit Cass Tech
- 01/05 4:00 PM, Detroit Cass Tech at Detroit Henry Ford
- 01/05 4:00 Detroit Western International at Detroit Renaissance
- 01/05 5:30 Harper Woods at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist
- 01/05 6:45 PM, Redford Union at Dearborn Fordson
- 01/05 7:00 PM, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian at Lutheran Westland
- 01/05 7:00 PM, Taylor Kennedy at River Rouge
- 01/05 7:00 Warren Macomb Christian at Taylor Baptist Park
- 01/05 7:00 PM, New Boston Huron at Brownstown Woodhaven
- 01/05 7:00 PM, Dearborn Edsel Ford at Dearborn
- 01/05 7:00 Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at Taylor Trilli
- 01/05 7:00 PM, Lincoln Park at Dearborn Divine Child
- 01/05 7:00 PM, Riverview at Wyandotte Roosevelt
- 01/05 7:00 Dearborn Advanced Tech at Ypsilanti Arbor Prep
- 01/05 7:30 Macomb Lutheran North at Allen Park Cabrini
- 01/05 7:30 PM, Romulus at Detroit U-D Jesuit
- 01/05 7:30 PM, Ecorse at Kalamazoo Phoenix

Girls Basketball Varsity

- 01/05 4:00 PM, Taylor Baptist Park at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist
 - 01/05 5:00 Canton Preparatory at Dearborn Advanced Tech
 - 01/05 5:00 PM, Detroit Delta Prep Acad for Social Justice at Dearborn Riverside Academy-West
 - 01/05 5:30 Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy at Detroit Cristo Rey
 - 01/05 5:30 PM, Detroit Cass Tech at Detroit Henry Ford
 - 01/05 5:30 PM, Ecorse at Kalamazoo Phoenix
 - 01/05 5:30 PM, Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech at Melvindale
 - 01/05 6:00 PM, Taylor Preparatory at Detroit Henry Ford Academy
 - 01/05 7:00 PM, New Boston Huron at Allen Park
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Written comments will be accepted by the Community Development Office until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

Zoning Board of Appeals

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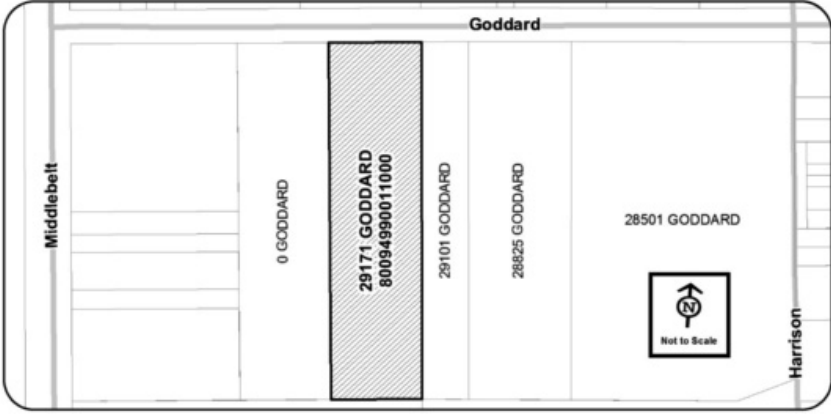
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016

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The subject property is located at 29171 Goddard. DP# 80-094-99-0011-000.



The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, January 20, 2016 and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: December 31, 2015

Local control returning after financial emergency resolved in Lincoln Park

For the first time in 15 years, state has no municipal emergency managers



Brad Coulter
Financial Manager -
Lincoln Park

LANSING. – Gov. Rick Snyder today accepted emergency manager Brad Coulter’s recommendation that the financial emergency in Lincoln Park has been resolved. For the first time in 15 years, no Michigan city is being overseen by an emergency manager.

Snyder also appointed a Receivership Transition Advisory Board to ensure a smooth transition to local control and continued financial stability for the city. A solid financial foundation will help the city provide residents with better services and improved quality of life.

“This is a great day, not only for the city of Lincoln Park but for the entire State of Michigan,” Snyder said. “Brad has provided a shining example of how the system can work; first, collaborating with local leaders to address the city’s financial emergency, then working to enhance economic development to help ensure continued financial stability for Lincoln Park.”

Three Michigan cities – Benton Harbor, Ecorse, and Pontiac – and the Detroit Public Schools were overseen by emergency managers when Snyder took office in 2011. As of today, there are no municipalities and three school districts -- Detroit, Muskegon Heights and Highland Park – operating under state oversight.

Coulter on Monday notified the governor of his determination that the city’s financial emergency had been sufficiently addressed. In his letter, Coulter outlined critical changes in Lincoln Park since a financial emergency was declared in July 2014.

•The city’s General Fund deficit, which stood at more than \$1 million in June 2014, has been eliminated. The unassigned General Fund balance now stands at a positive \$186,901.

•Retiree health care costs have been reduced from \$4.3 million to \$600,000 annually. A

large portion of the savings -- \$3 million -- is helping to fund the city’s pension system.

•Through negotiations with its health care provider, the city realized annual savings of more than \$200,000, starting in this fiscal year. In addition, the city is receiving a one-time rebate of \$221,000.

•A renegotiated firefighter contract has reduced overtime costs from \$600,000 annually to a budgeted \$50,000.

Coulter has set in place a two-year budget and issued his final order as emergency manager this morning. The order includes full salary restoration for the mayor and city council and outlines roles and responsibilities of elected officials, including their collaboration and cooperation with the Receivership Transition Advisory Board appointed today by Snyder.



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“Star Wars: The Force Awakens” hits several box office records



As many expected, the hype surrounding Star Wars: The Force Awakens has broken box office records around the world for its opening weekend. Disney bought Star Wars producer Lucasfilm for US\$4bn in 2012 and spent more than US\$200m to produce The Force Awakens.

But The Force awakens intro-

duces new characters and fresh faces as Disney prepares for a string of new Star Wars films and spin-offs.

But so far, "The Force Awakens" is attracting the interest of seemingly everyone.

Analysts predict that the 7th instalment of the iconic space saga, which cost Disney an

estimated \$200 million to produce, could score the biggest opening weekend ever and could even become the biggest film of all time.

Such a positive reaction for "The Force Awakens" may attract the kind of repeat viewings that made James Cameron's "Avatar" and "Titanic" the highest grossing films of all time.

The new "Star Wars" film is the first installment in a decade of the series, which was created by George Lucas in 1977. That opening number includes a record-breaking \$57 million from Thursday night "previews" and makes this the first film to gross more than \$100 million in a "single" day, but the records don't stop there.

The film sees original trilogy stars Harrison Ford and Carrie Fisher reprise their Han Solo and Princess Leia roles alongside younger franchise newcomers.

ASK ALMA

She is addicted to shopping



Dear Alma,

I love my wife and we have a great marriage. She's beautiful, funny, spontaneous and easy to get along with. I can handle her good and her bad except for one thing. She spends like crazy! Her clothes fill up two closets in our home and extends to the basement, depending on the season. She has shoes she's never worn and clothes that still have the tags on them. At some point we need to save towards our retirement and other obligations. I'm tired of living paycheck to paycheck to vacation back to paycheck. I've talked to her about it and she promised she'd stop her outrageous spending, but lately I've found bags of clothes in the guest room closet and the trunk of her car. Obviously, she's still spending. I can also see the charges that continue to pop up on our credit card statement. I can't believe she's trying to hide what she's buying now. How can I insist that she stop spending short of threatening a divorce? I love my wife and I don't want a divorce, be we can't go on this way. Any suggestions?

For the Love of Money ~ you know I'm pattin' my feet humming the O'Jays, right! It's helping me get my mind fixed and ready to answer your question, LOL. Some say it's the root of all evil, money that is, I'm not sure if I agree. I think people are the root of all evil and money is an accessory. What I also know foshow is, couples have a hard time col-

laborating when it comes to money.... and sex....sex and money, Honey, the more you get the more you want, that's what a preacher once told me. But I digress, LMBO.

An addiction to spending is a tough place to be. If she's hiding bags as you say, I see it safe to assume, she's lost control or she thinks you really don't mind her spending.

The two of you obviously need to start a household budget. You also need to discuss who will oversee it and how it will be determined. Will you put everything in one account, or will you opt for a mine-yours and ours bundle? There is no right or wrong way to do it. As long as you're in agreement on what's best for the two of you. Also agree to allow for spending money and you both have to stay within those allocated funds. That part requires a commitment, a bond of trust that can't be broken.

It won't be easy, you two need a serious sit down. Lay all your facts and concerns on the table. This is not a scolding regarding her spending, but a joint discussion about your future. Figure out and be honest where she lands between overspending and compulsion. If she's a shopaholic, please, seek professional help. If she's overspending because she thinks you guys have money to burn, it's time to come up with a financial strategy.

There's an amazingly thorough money management column, written by Rodney Brooks for USA Today. He also has a book on Amazon titled, Is a Million Dollars Enough? It would benefit you guys to check it out. Again, agree to write down your financial goals and commit to them. I love that you stressed the love you have for your wife. Take a lesson from Rodney and learn new ways and methods, together, on how to manage your money. Good luck!

Alma

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DETROIT — Sandra Latham was slain in 1997 when a stray bullet struck her as she sat in the dining room of her Detroit home on New Year's Eve.

Police officials and community leaders have worked ever since to convince some in Detroit of the dangers in the unwritten tradition of firing guns skyward to celebrate the coming year.

With Jan. 1, 2017 just days away, they announced the annual "Ring in the New Year with a Bell, Not a Bang" campaign.

"It's a valiant effort and one that is definitely worthwhile as we attempt to make sure that no one dies again on New Year's Eve as a result of a shooting," current Wayne County sheriff and former Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon said Monday at a news conference.

"When you shoot a projectile up into the air, it absolutely comes down," Napoleon said. "And it comes down with a velocity that can kill."

The Rev. Nicholas Hood III started the effort after Latham's death.

Dantay Latham, 29, said his grandmother's death still haunts him, The Detroit News reported from Monday's news conference.

"It's something that I'll never erase from my mind. It changed my entire life," he added. "She got shot, stood up and fell down to the ground. I think about my grandmother every day. I miss her so much. It still hurts."

Firing a gun skyward in Detroit is a misdemeanor, according to Napoleon.

Police have been directed to arrest anyone caught shooting into the air Thursday night and Friday morning, he said.



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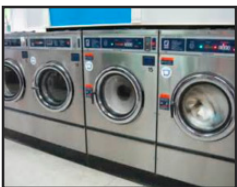
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